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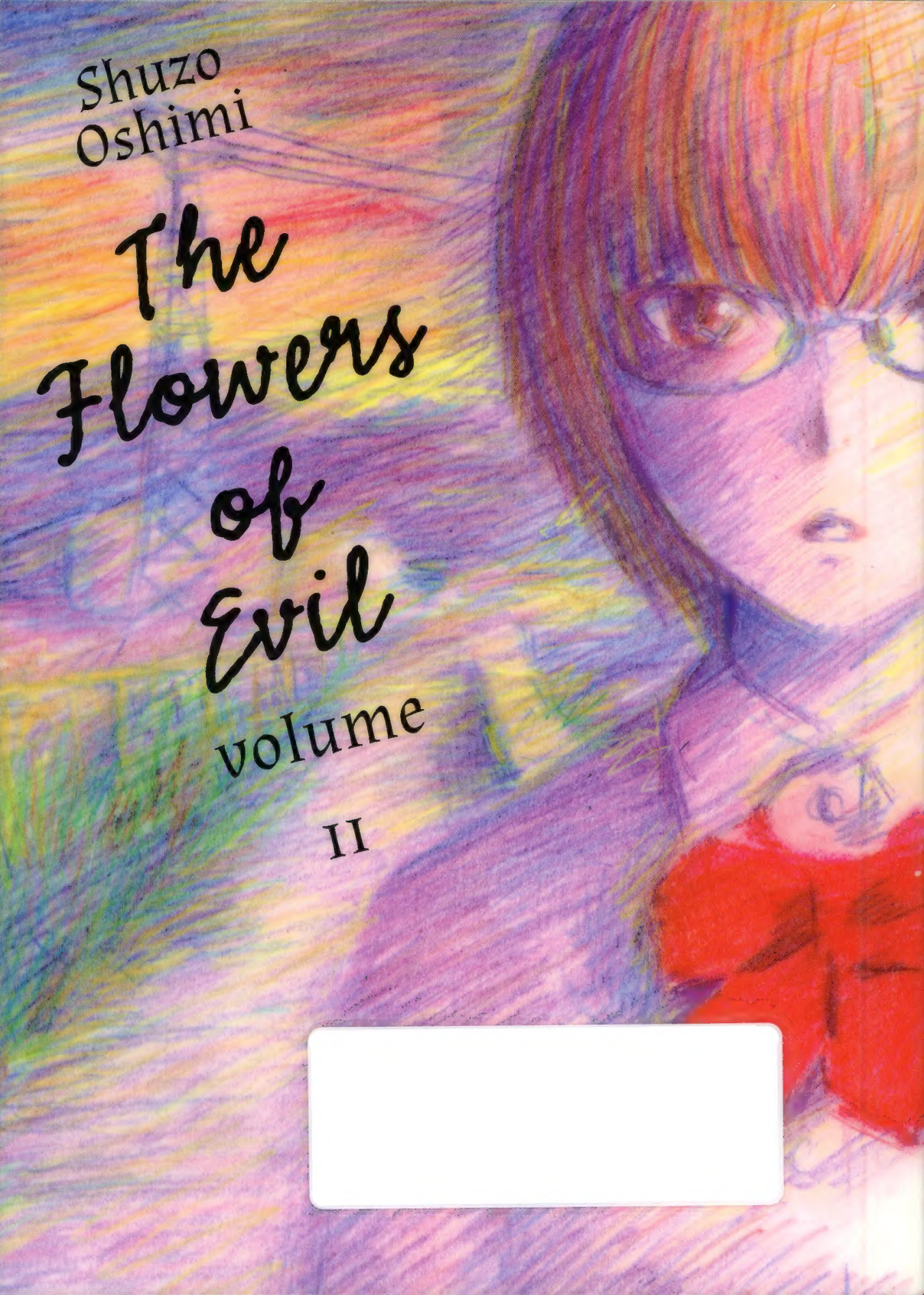

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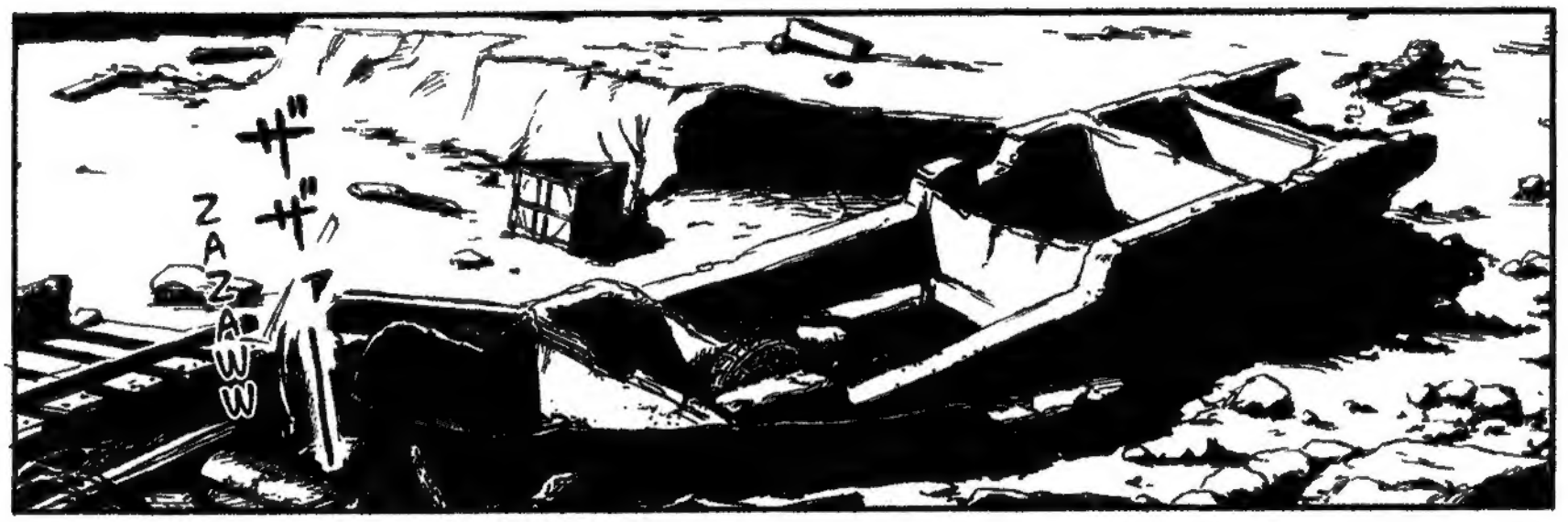

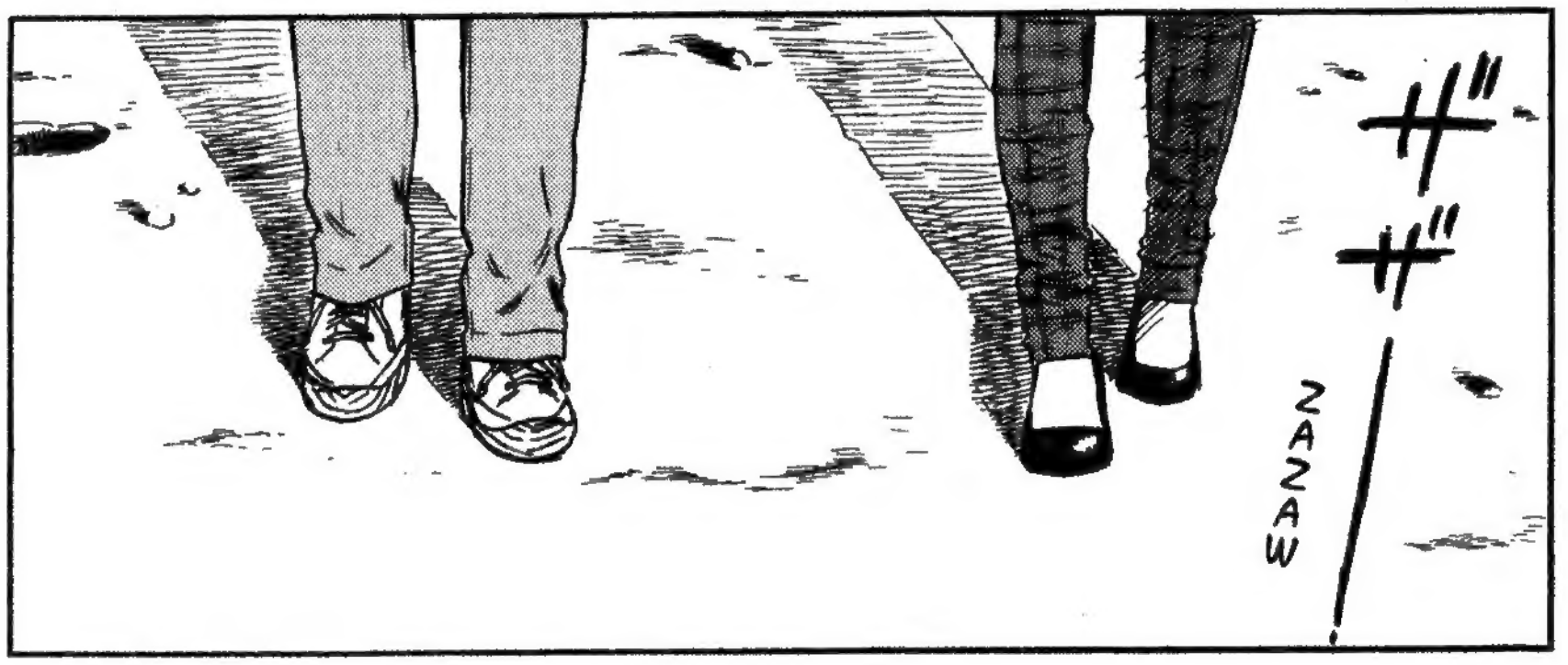

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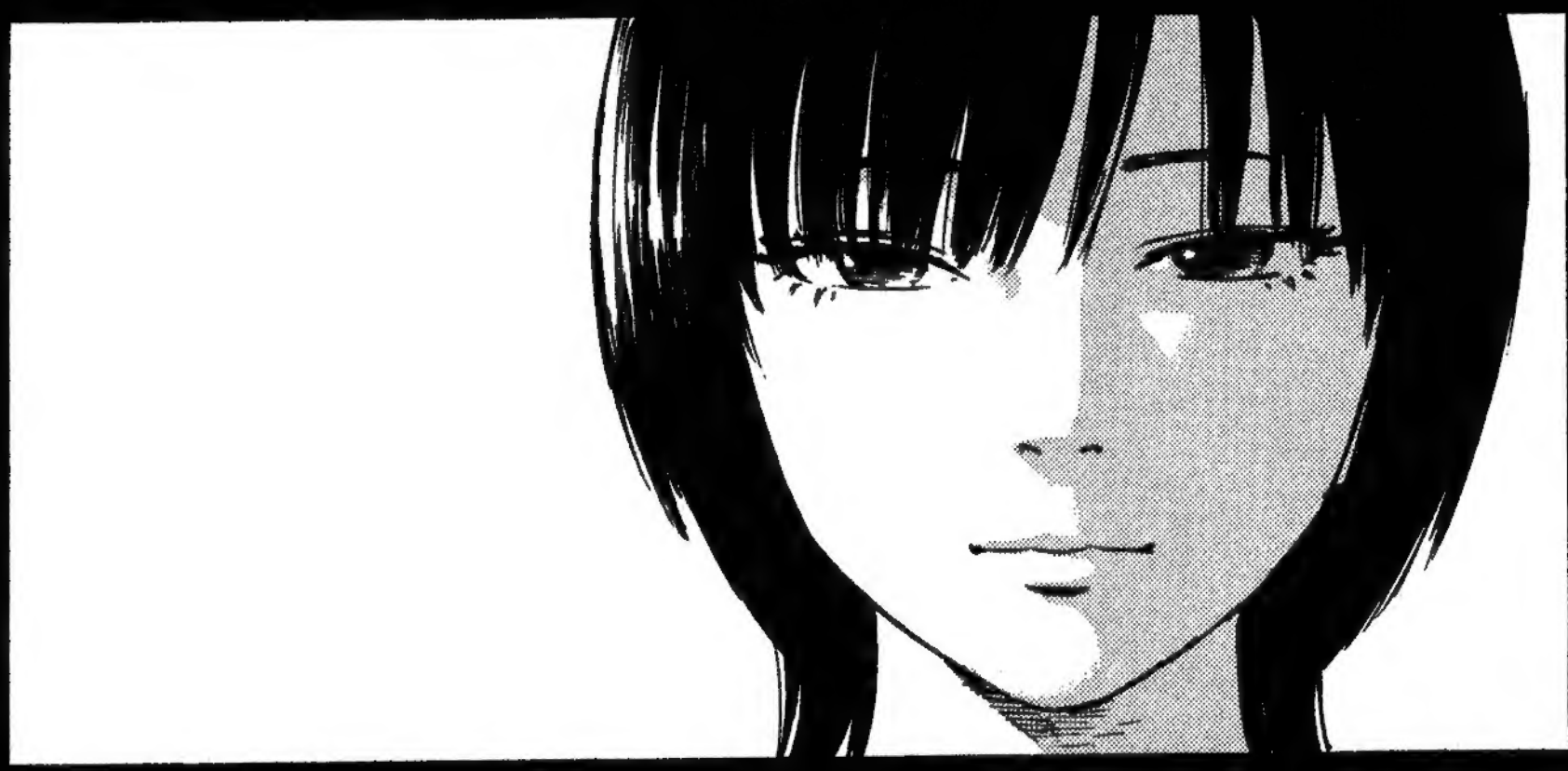
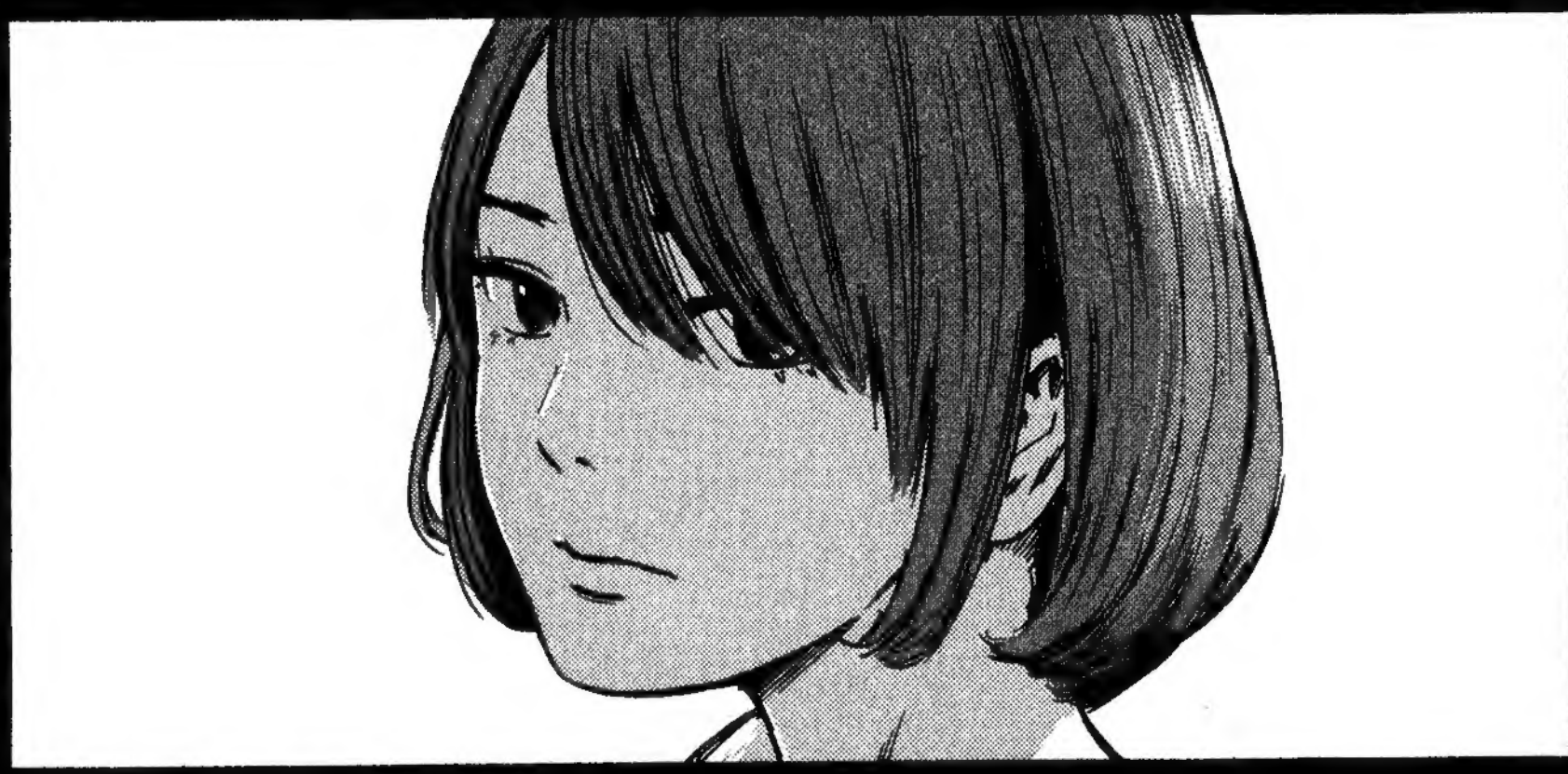
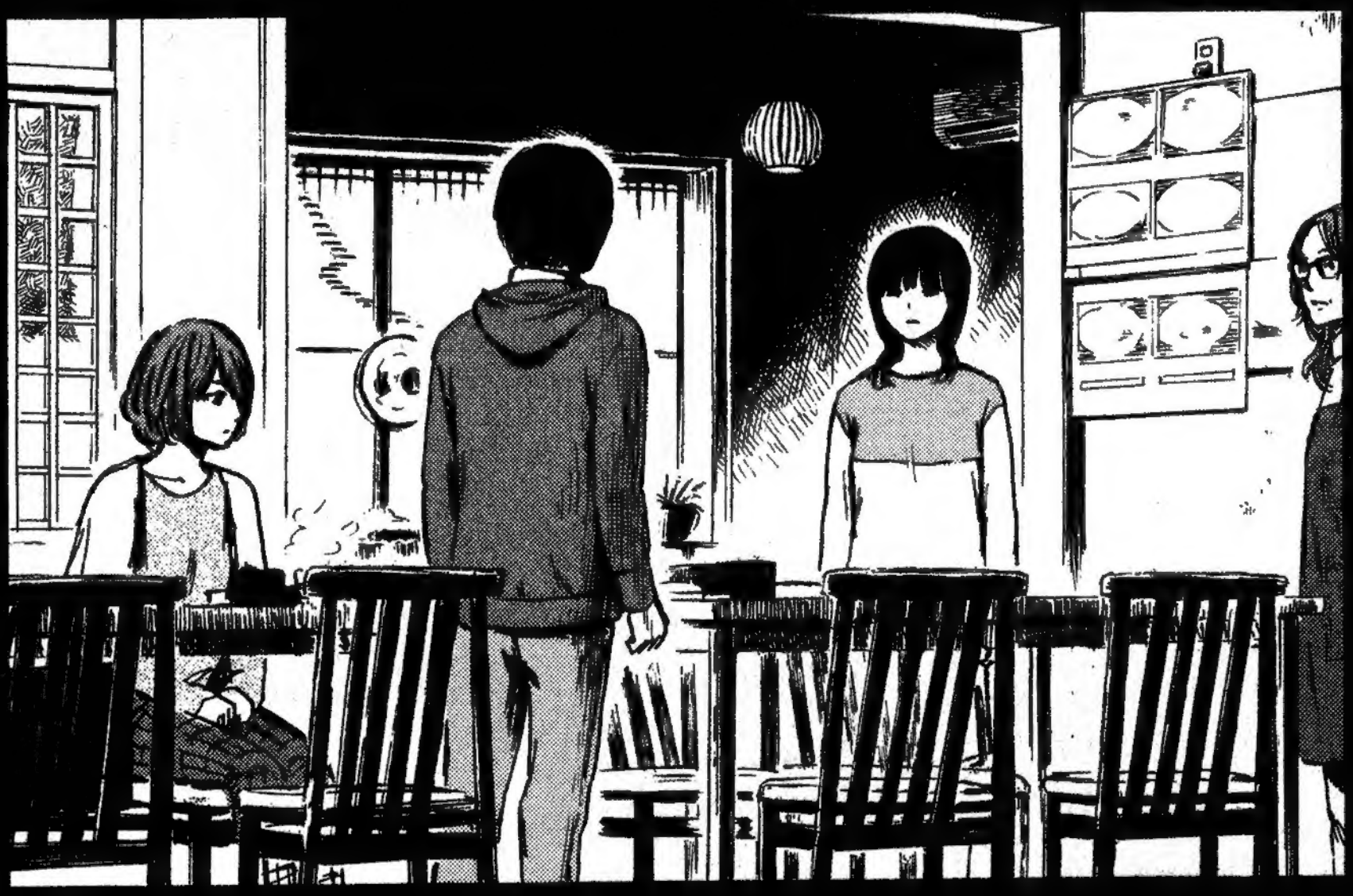
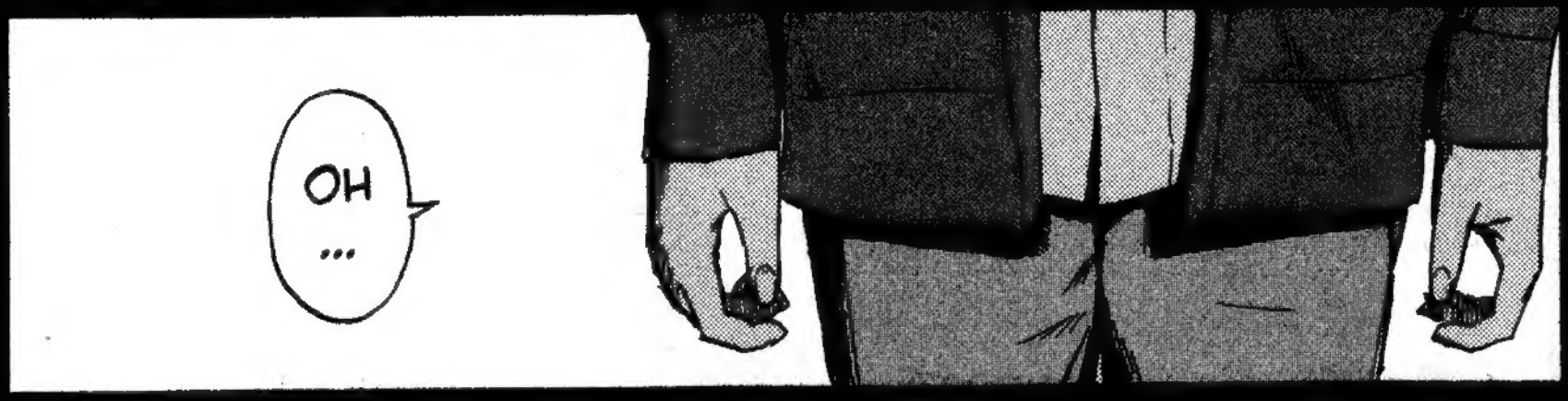







OH
...

LONG
TIME NO SEE.

DON'T JUST STAND THERE.
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE A SEAT?

IT'S GOOD.

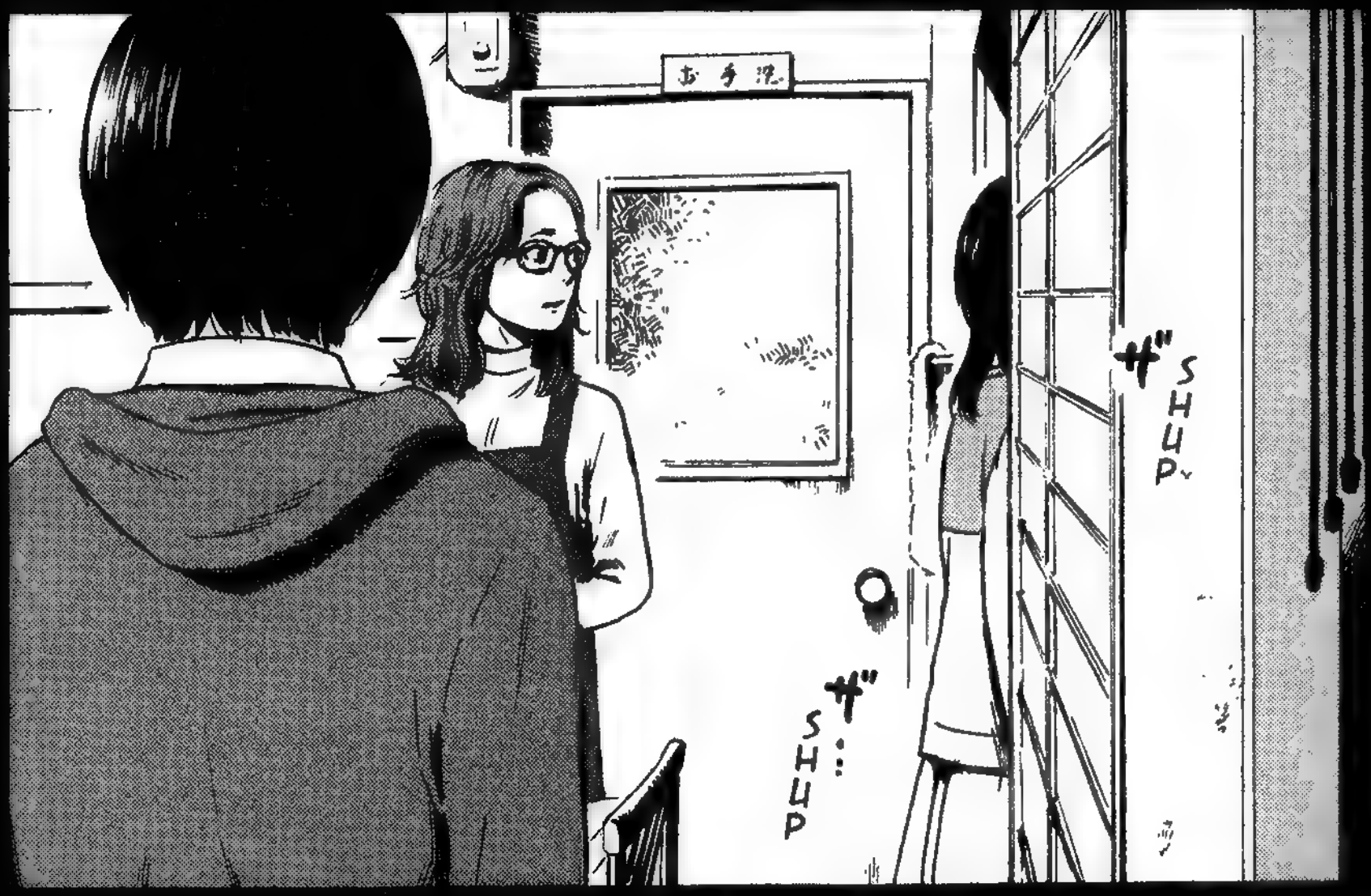
EAT UP.

SHUP

SHUP

SHUP

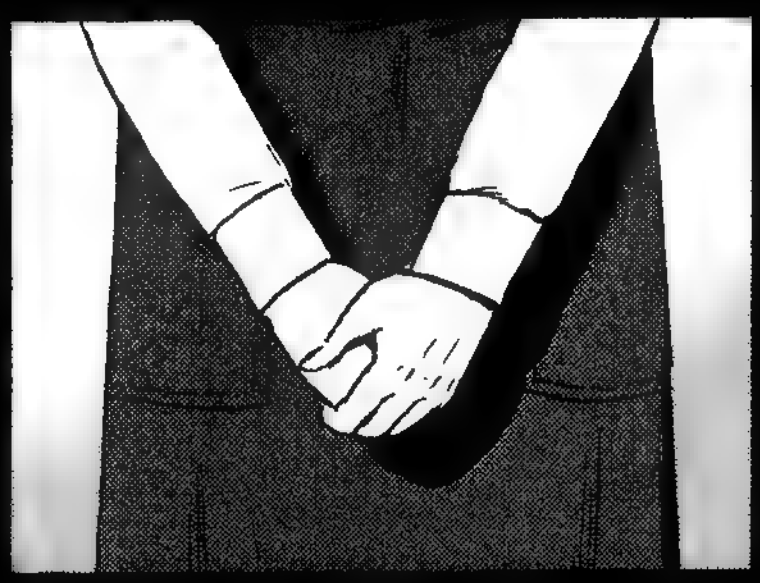
SHUP

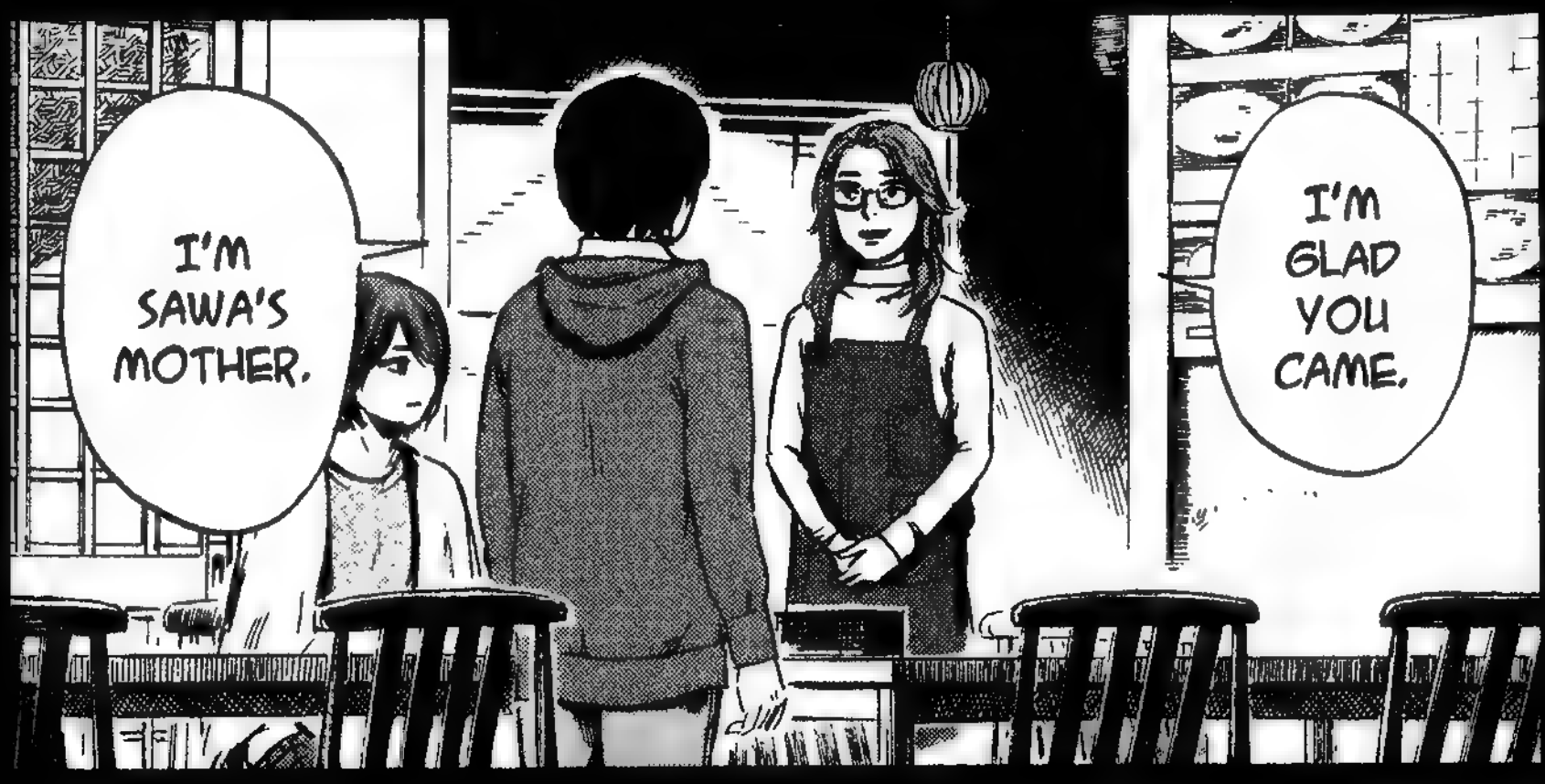

4" SHUP
4" SHUP

UH...

UM...

SO YOU'RE KASUGA ...




I'M SAWA'S MOTHER.
I'M GLAD YOU CAME.

BUT ...

I MUST

ASK YOU TO LEAVE SAWA ALONE.

SHE'S VERY... PEACEFUL NOW.

IT'S JUST HER AND ME... SO...

I'M SORRY.

...
OKAY.

CAN'T YOU

LET US TALK WITH HER A BIT THOUGH?

KREAK

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STUP

WHA
...

スタ
STUP

Sawa
!!

and came because I wanted to meet you!

I heard about you from Kasuga

I don't know what you think of Kasuga!

It might not even matter anymore !

I'm really sorry, but please !

But could we at least talk a bit outside ?!

SURE.

JUST WAIT DOWN AT THE BEACH AT THE END OF THE ROAD.

I'LL BE THERE LATER.

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WHOOO

KASU-
GA.

I THINK
YOU
KNOW,

BUT
NO
BEING
HALF-
ASSED.

MAKE SURE YOU WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.

I'D HATE THAT MOST.

ZAZAW

WHOOO

OKAY ...

I WILL.

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WHOOOO
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NAKA-
MURA.

HNNN

ZAZAW
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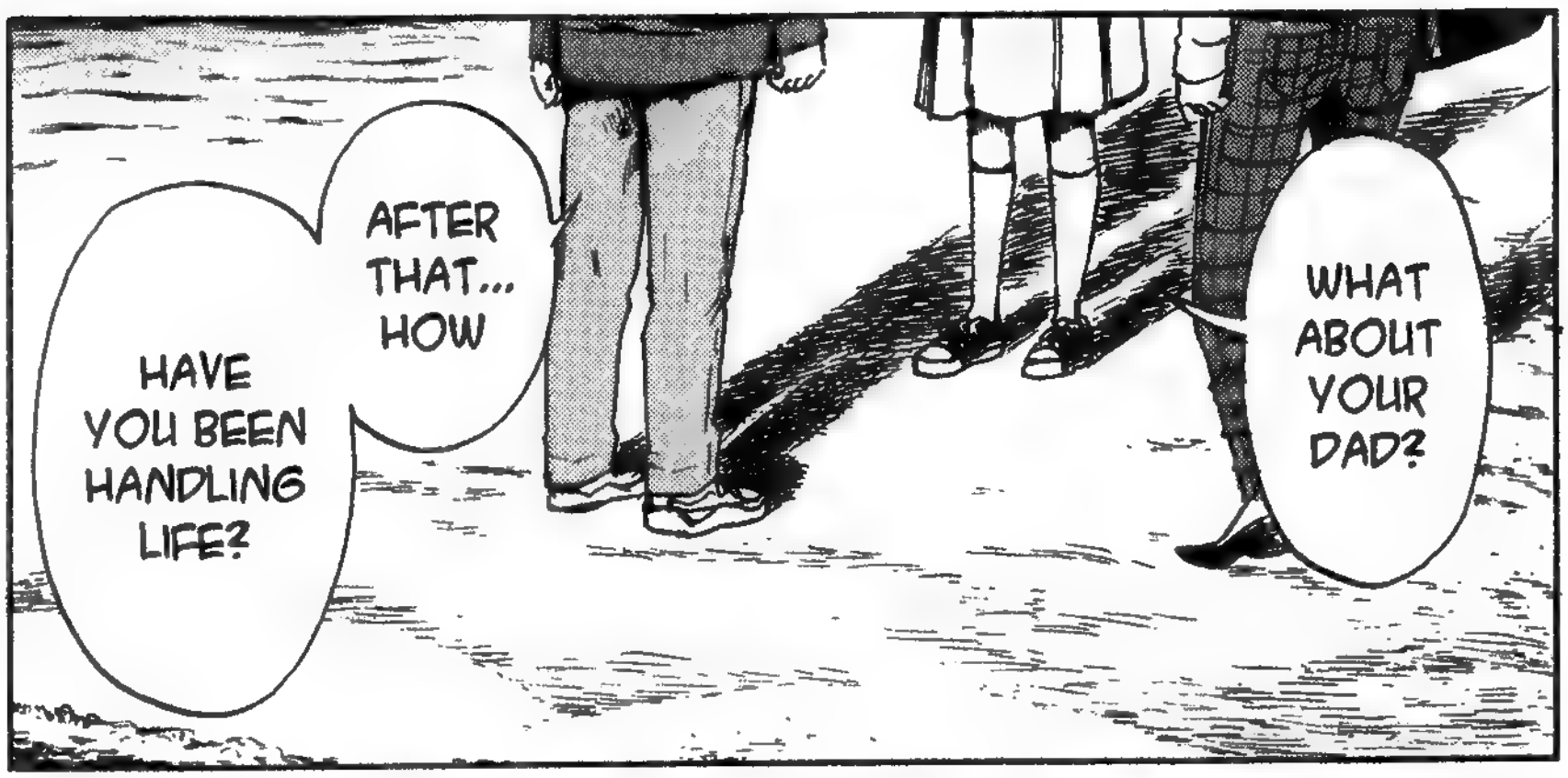
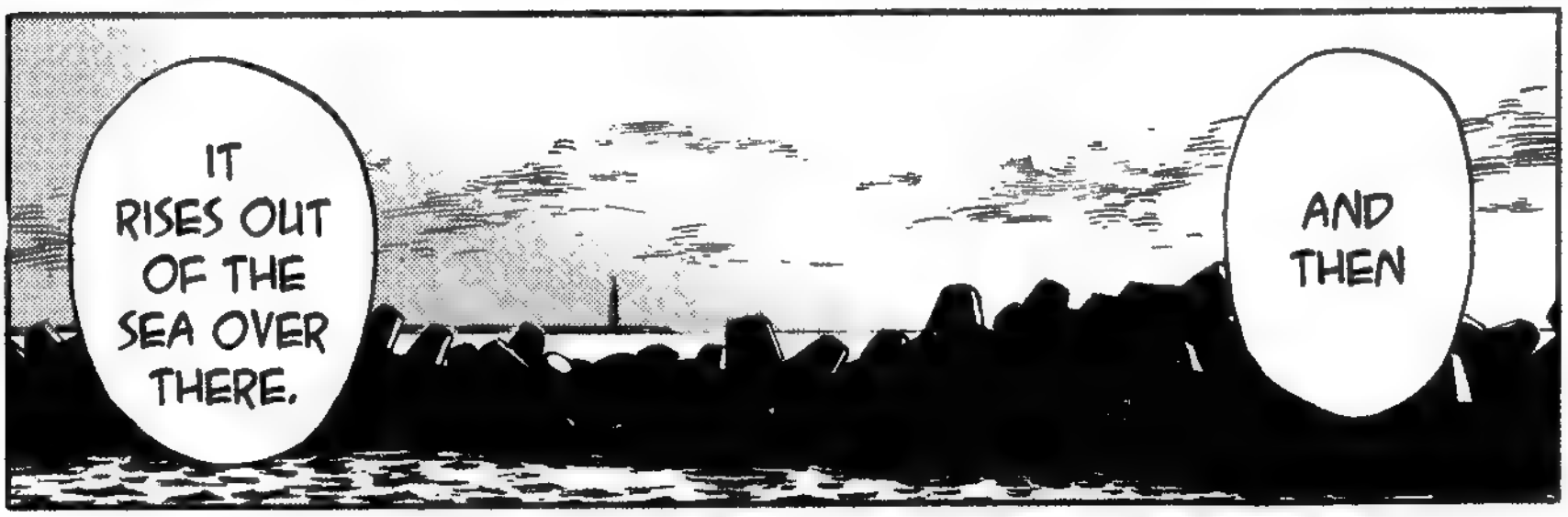

HAVE YOU BEEN HANDLING LIFE?
AFTER THAT... HOW
WHAT ABOUT YOUR DAD?

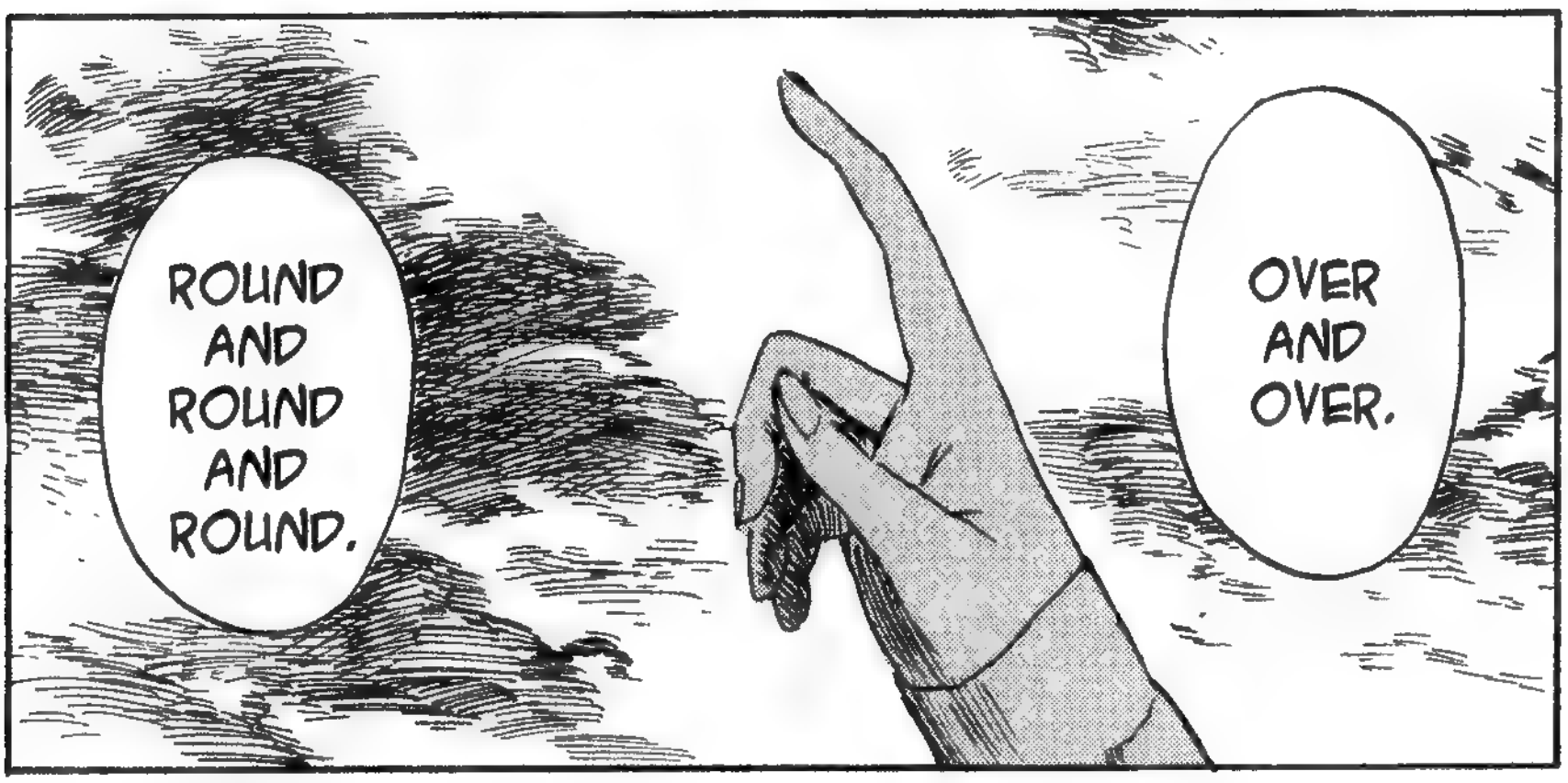
I FOR-GOT.

DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY.

LOOK.

IN THIS TOWN, THE SUN SETS RIGHT INTO THE SEA.
THE SUN'S GONNA SET SOON.


IT RISES OUT OF THE SEA OVER THERE.
AND THEN


ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND.
OVER AND OVER.

PRETTY
...

ISN'T
IT?

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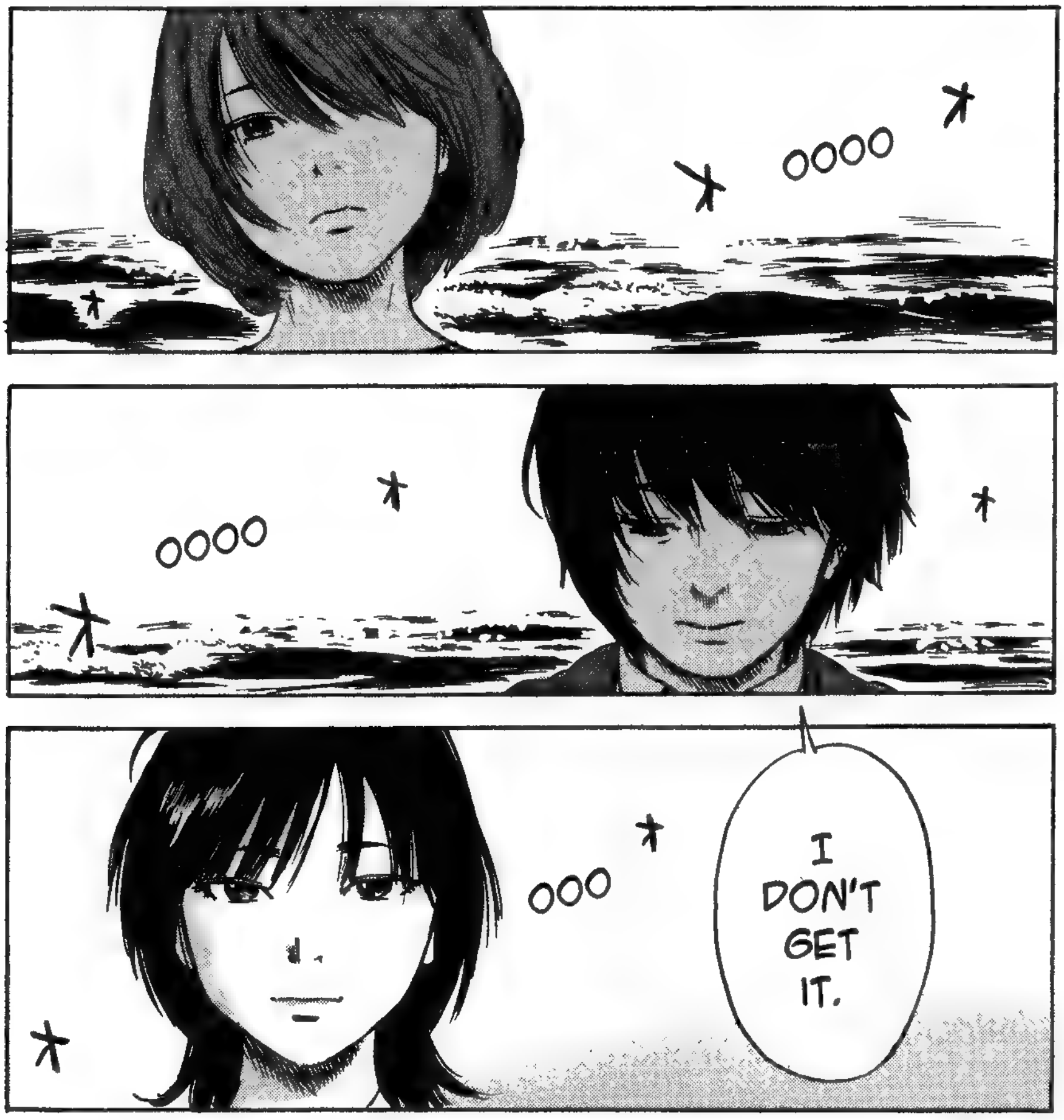
WHOOOO


OOOO
OOOO
OOO
I DON'T GET IT.

YOU SAID THE SUNSET WAS PRETTY.

ON THE RIVERBANK, WHEN WE HEADED TO THE FESTIVAL ...

NAKAMURA, BACK THEN,

IS THIS SKY THE SAME AS THAT ONE?

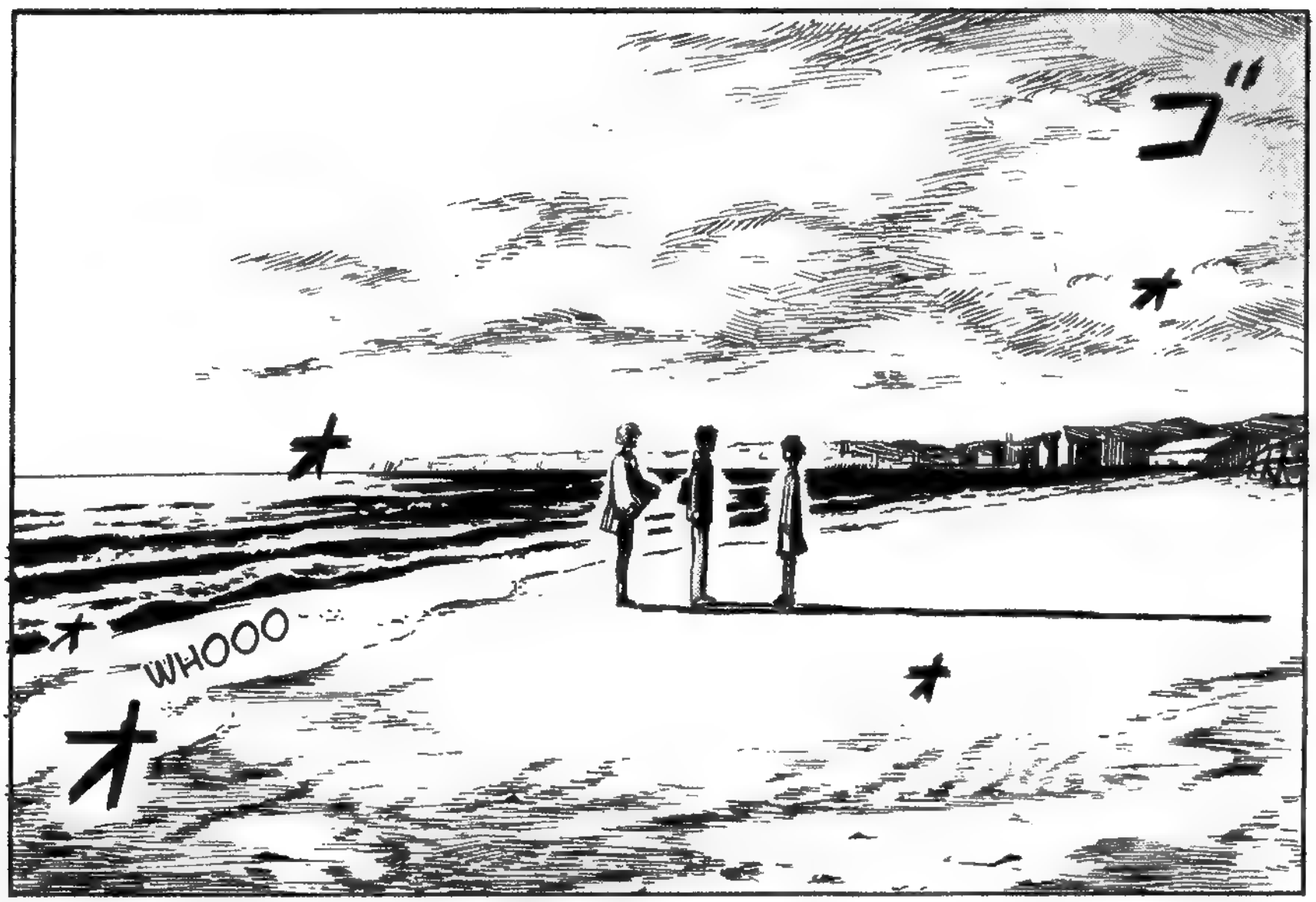
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.

... NAKA-MURA.

WHY DID YOU
SHOVE ME AWAY BACK THEN?

Chapter 54: In the Golden Sunset

WHY DID YOU SHOVE ME AWAY BACK THEN?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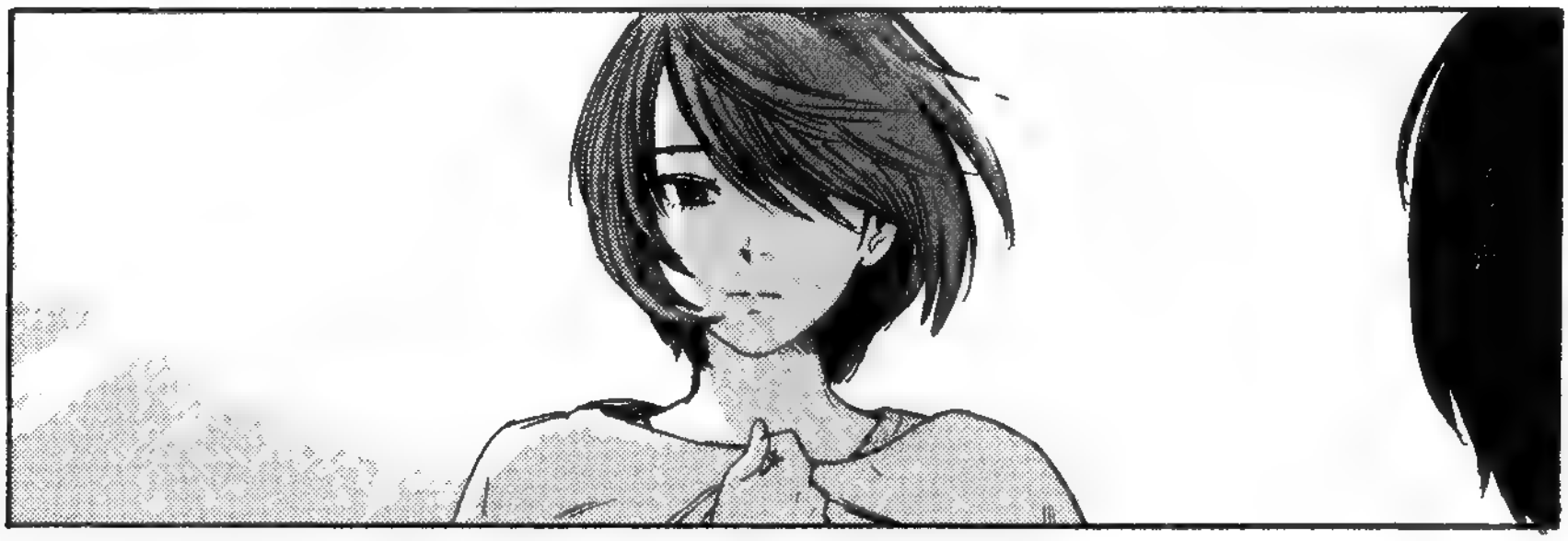

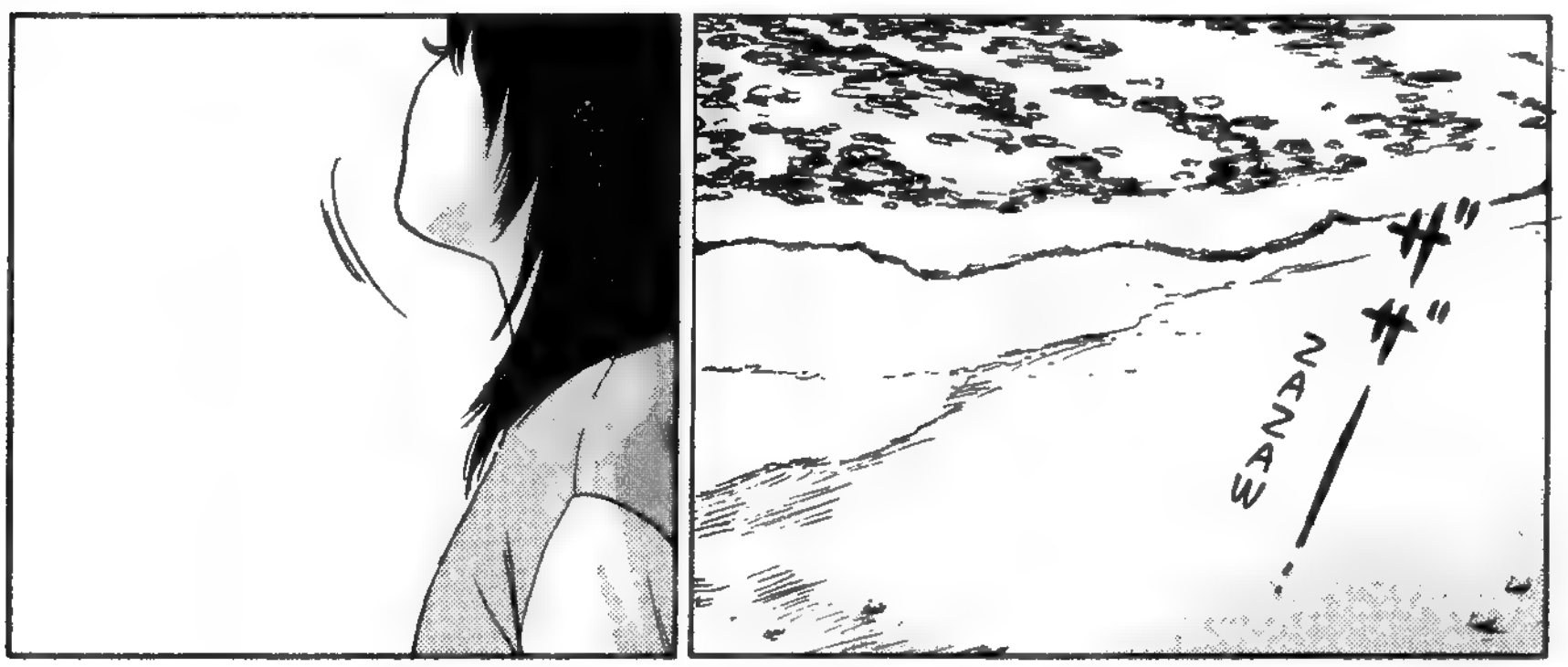
WANAN

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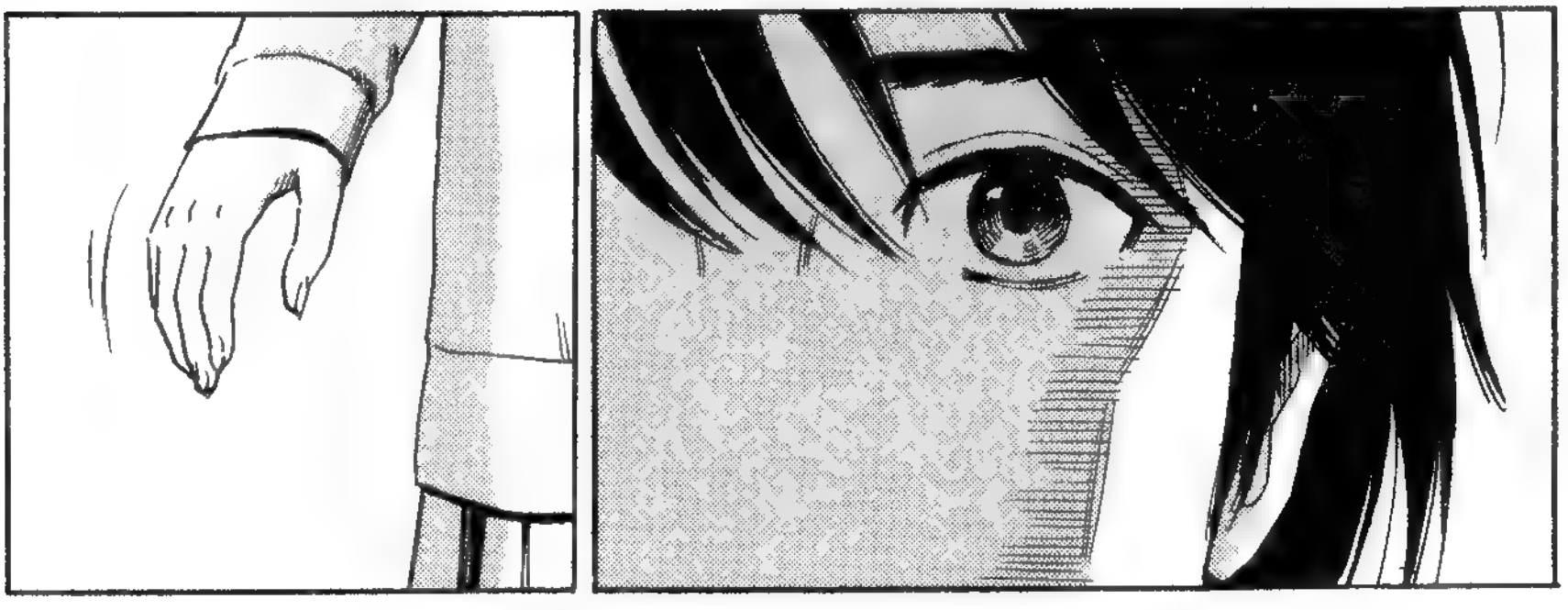
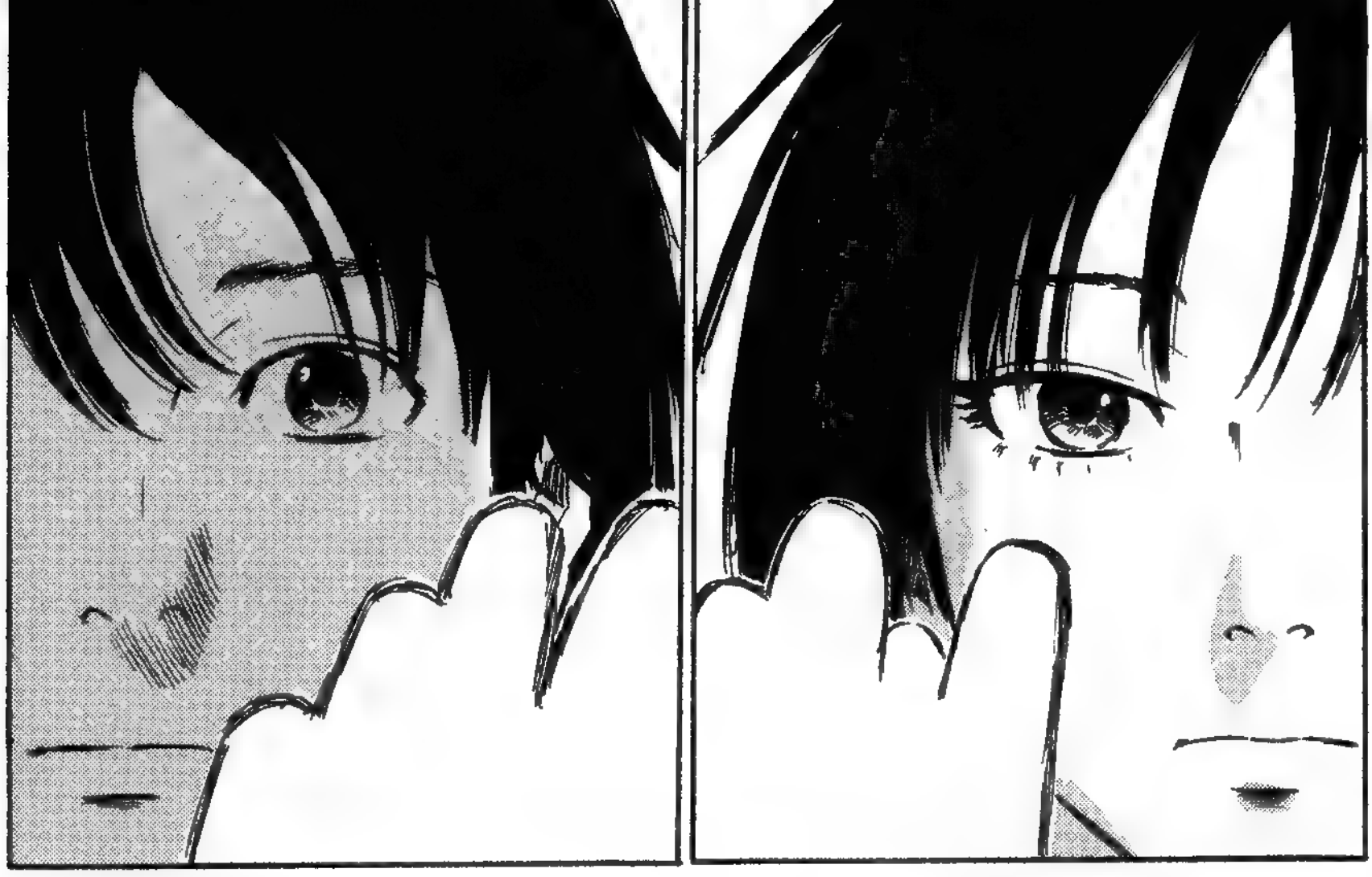
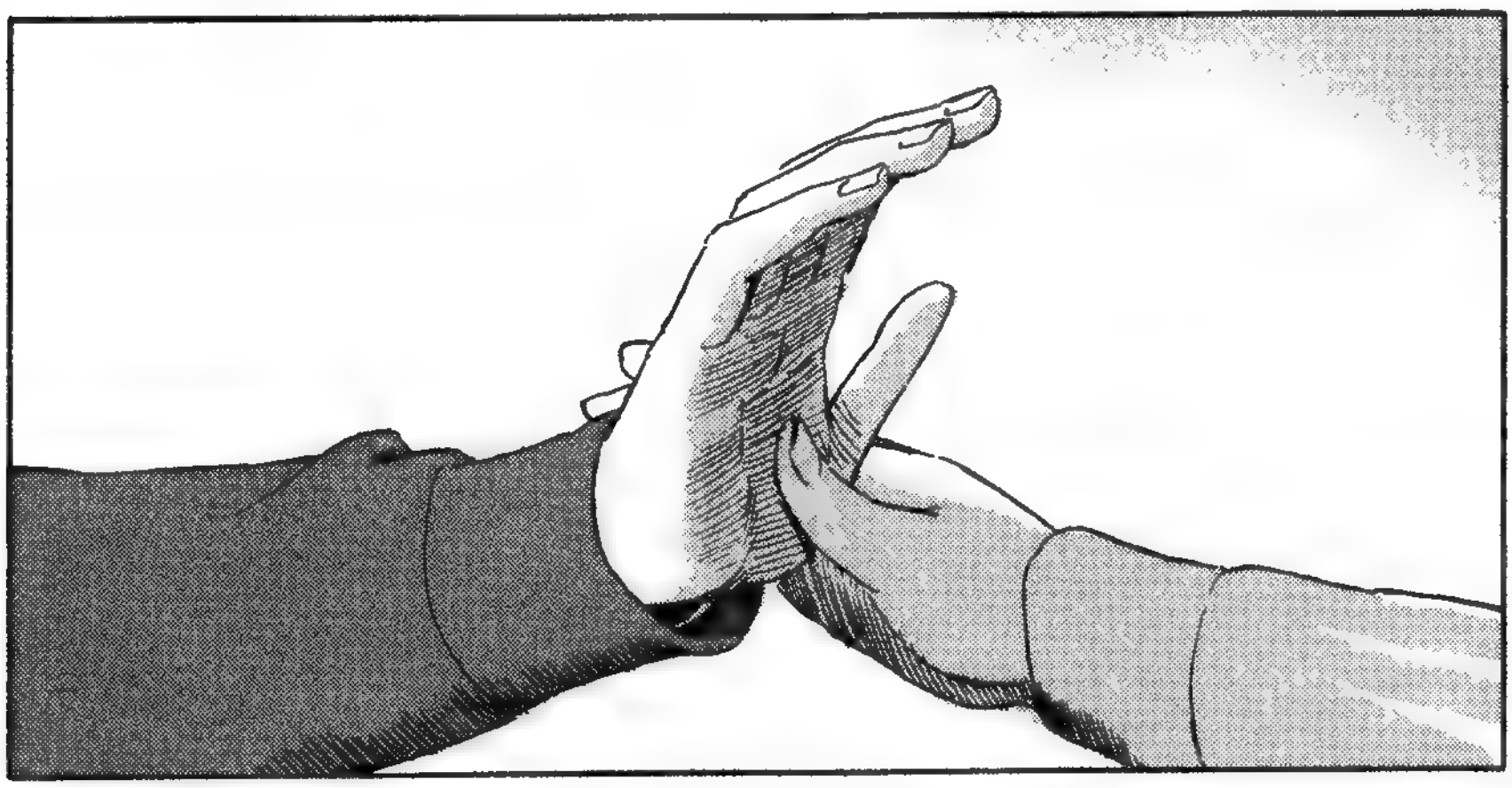
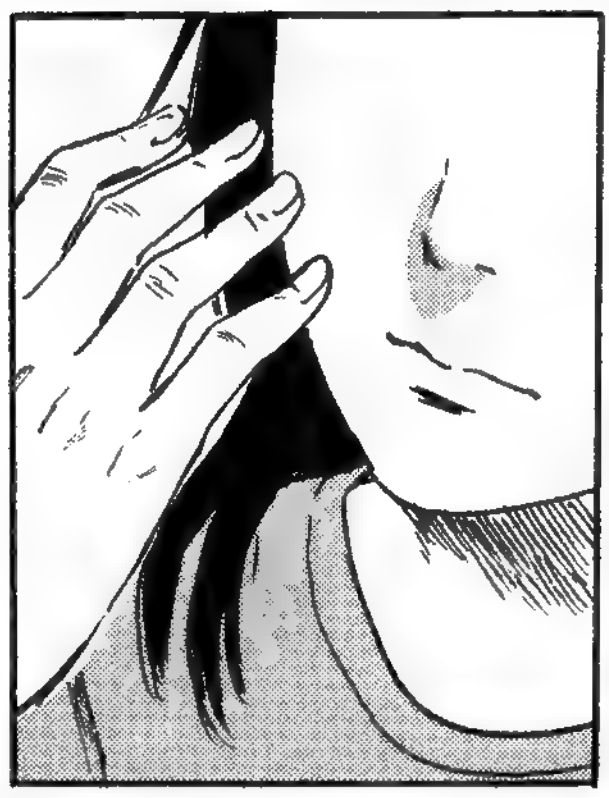


I FOR-GOT.
BEATS ME.



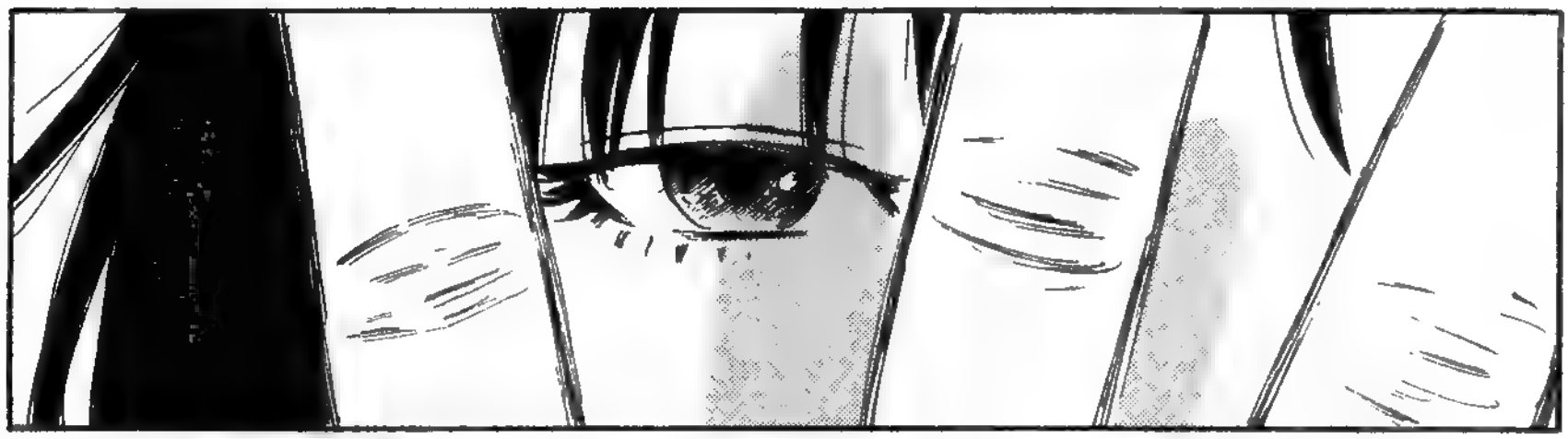




ARE YOU

GOING OUT WITH THAT GIRL?

YUP.



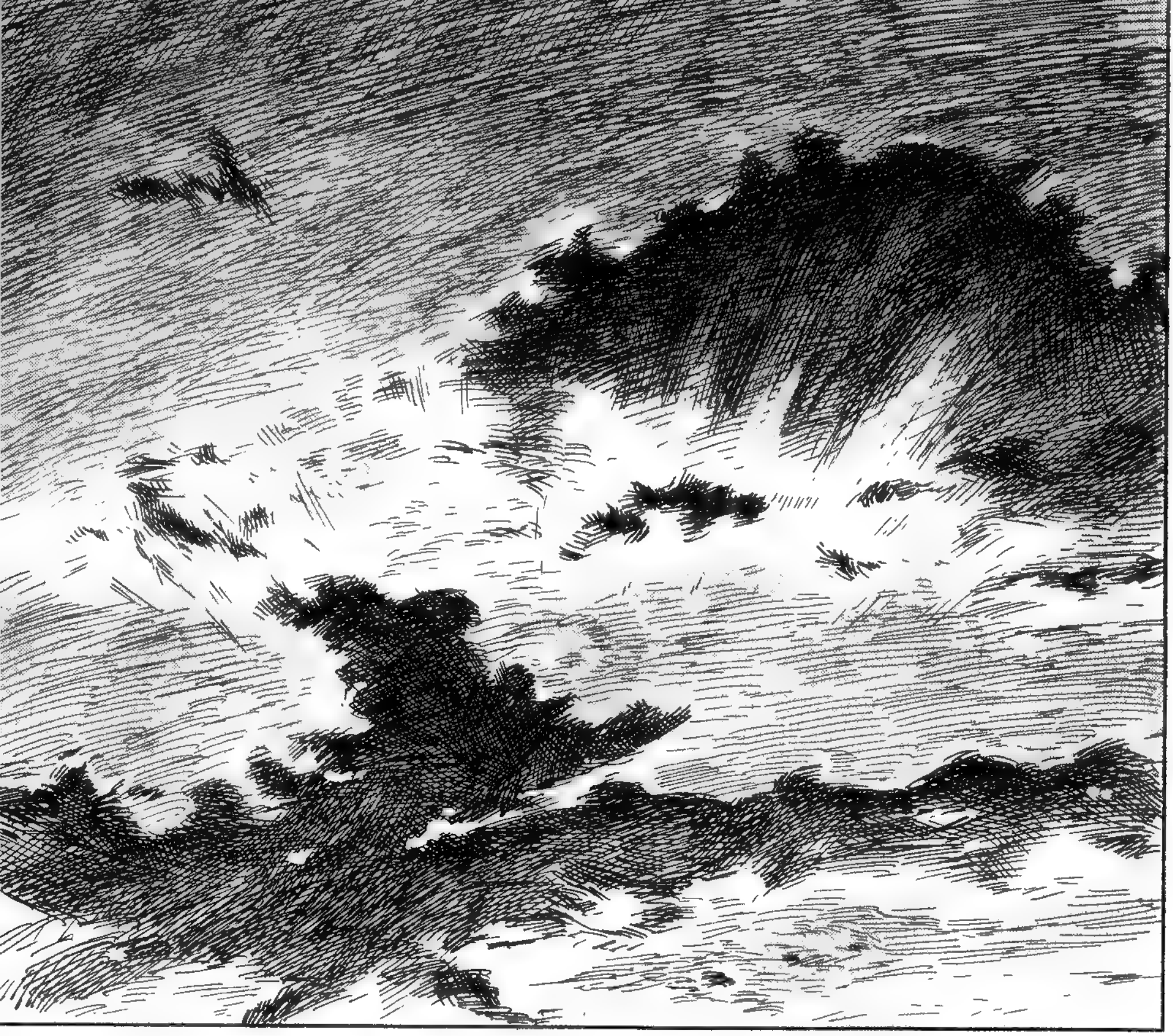
HUH.

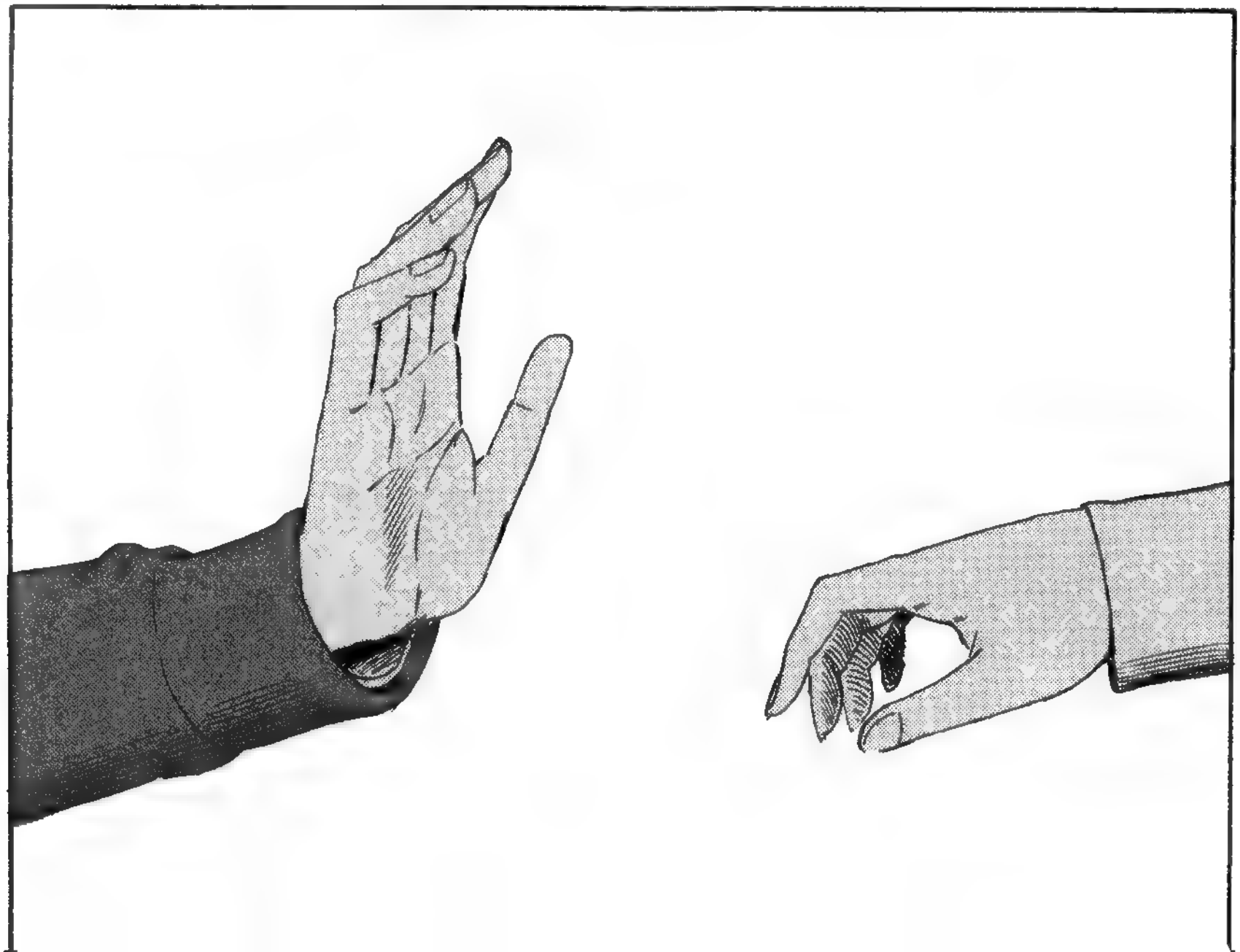
I GUESS EVERYBODY CHOSE THEIR PATHS LIKE THAT.

GOOD FOR YOU.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

AND





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GOOD LUCK.
OKAY,
THIS
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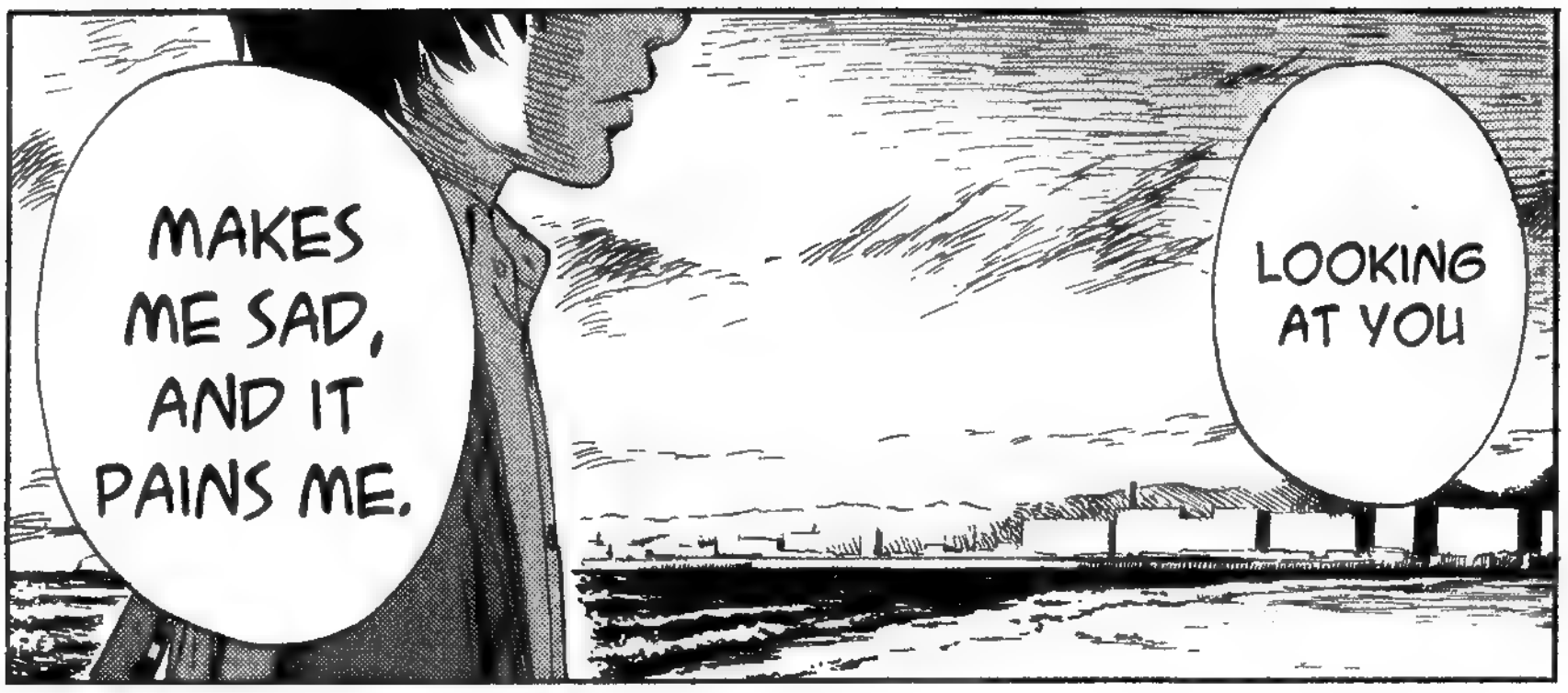
WHOOO

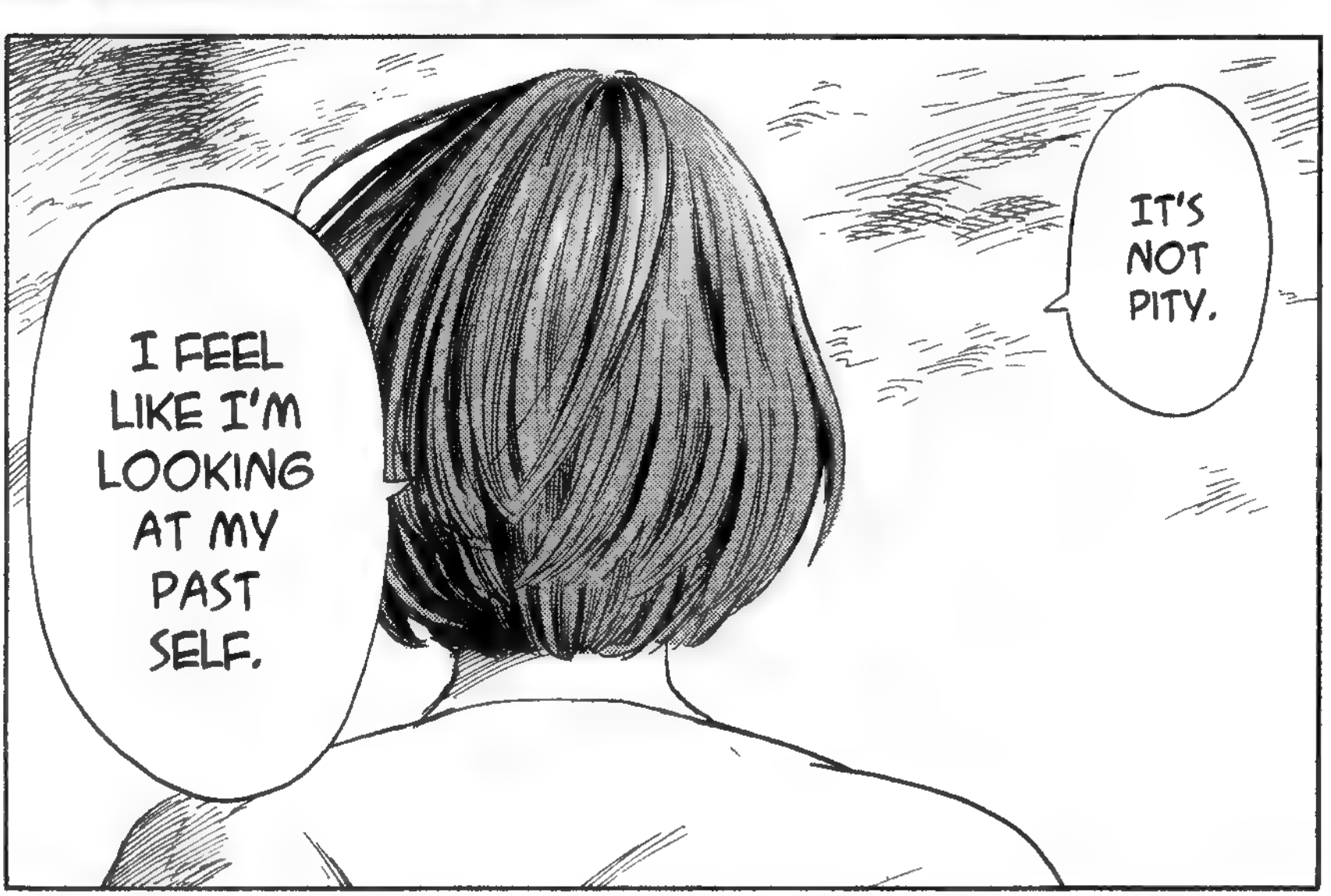
BUT ...

I'M SORRY, I KNOW I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

SAWA ...

I FEEL SAD.


MAKES ME SAD, AND IT PAINS ME.
LOOKING AT YOU


I FEEL LIKE I'M LOOKING AT MY PAST SELF.
IT'S NOT PITY.

SAWA.

YOU HAVE A

PATH, AND IT'S GOING THROUGH LIFE WITH KASUGA.

I MEAN, YOU TWO,

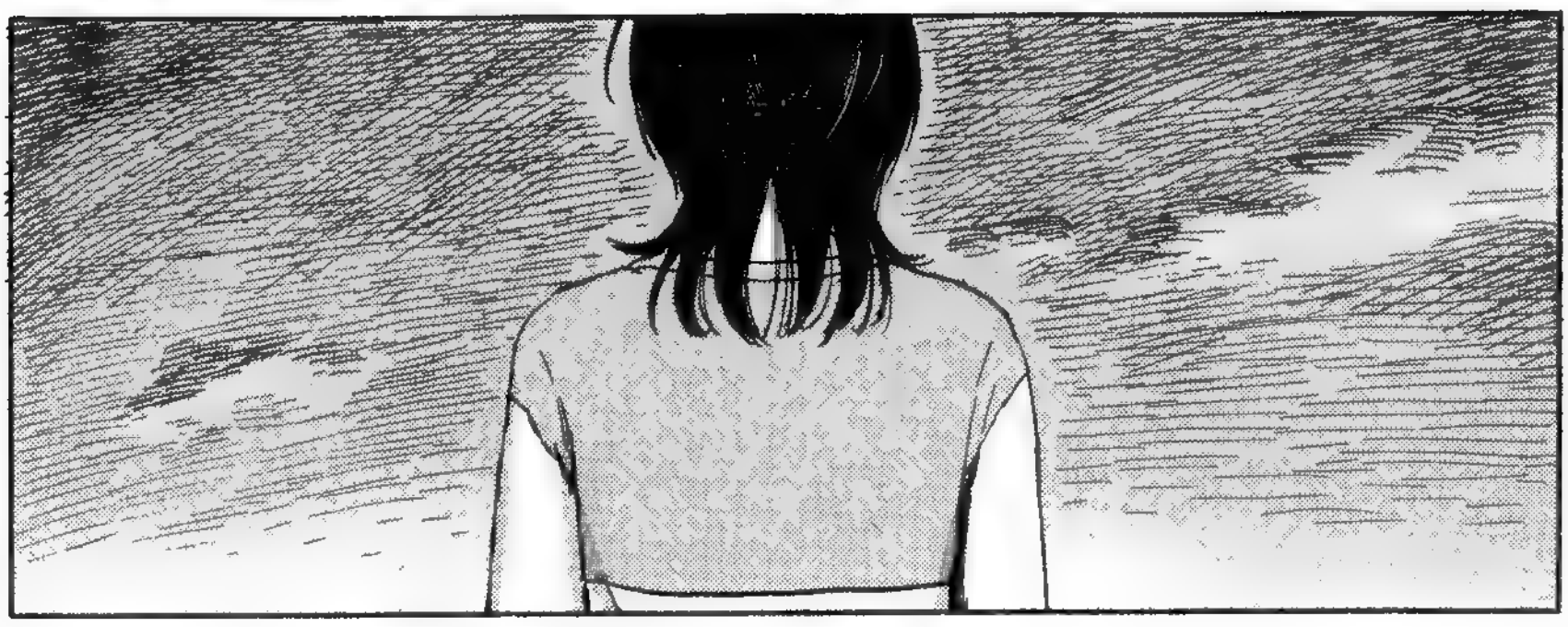
MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, I BET...

IF YOU TWO COULD BE TOGETHER,

ISN'T THAT THE BEST...

THE BEST ...

NAAAW



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KASUGA ?

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HUFF

I CAN'T CATCH HOLD OF ANY-THING.

NAKA-MURA ...

JUST WHEN I THINK I'VE TOUCHED IT, IT MOVES AWAY.

NO MATTER HOW I REACH OUT WITH MY HAND,

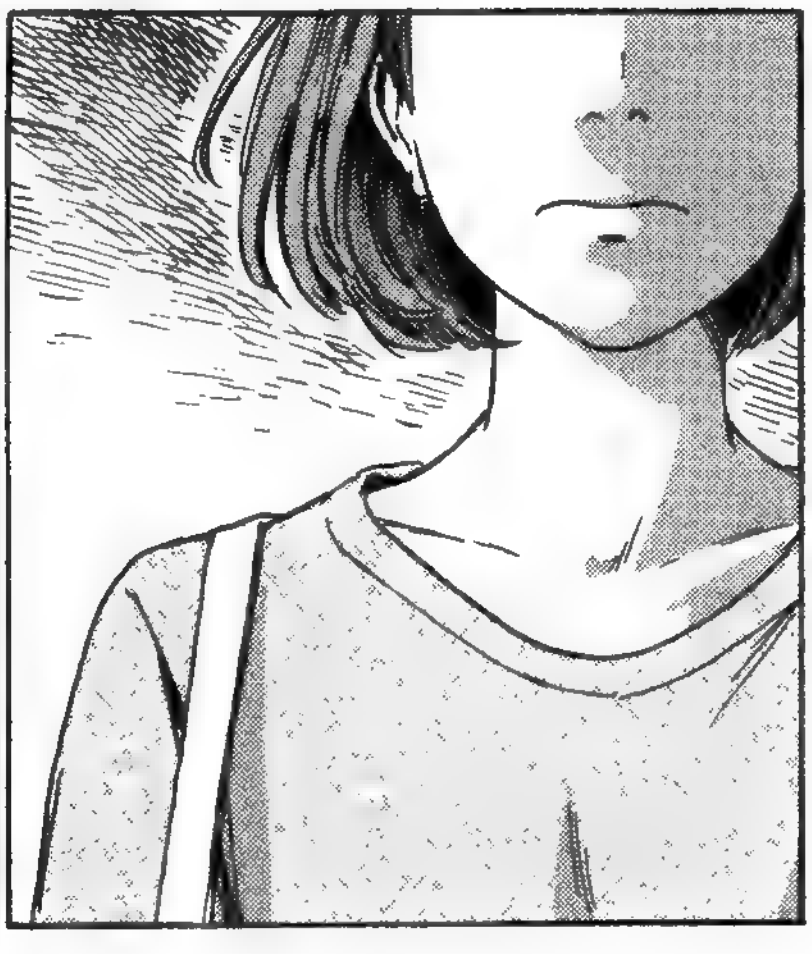
IT STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN.

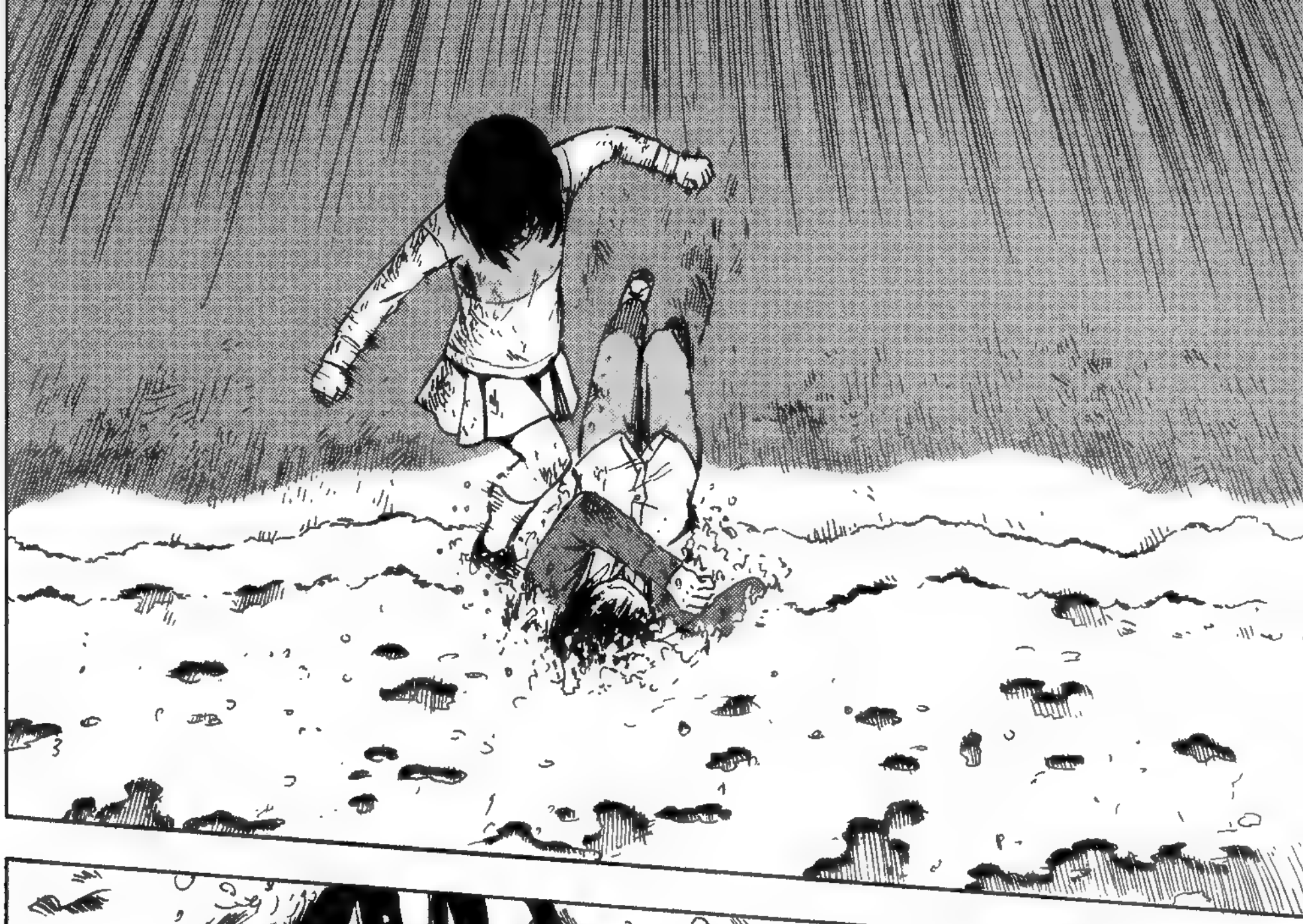
WHEN I THINK I'M THERE AT LAST,

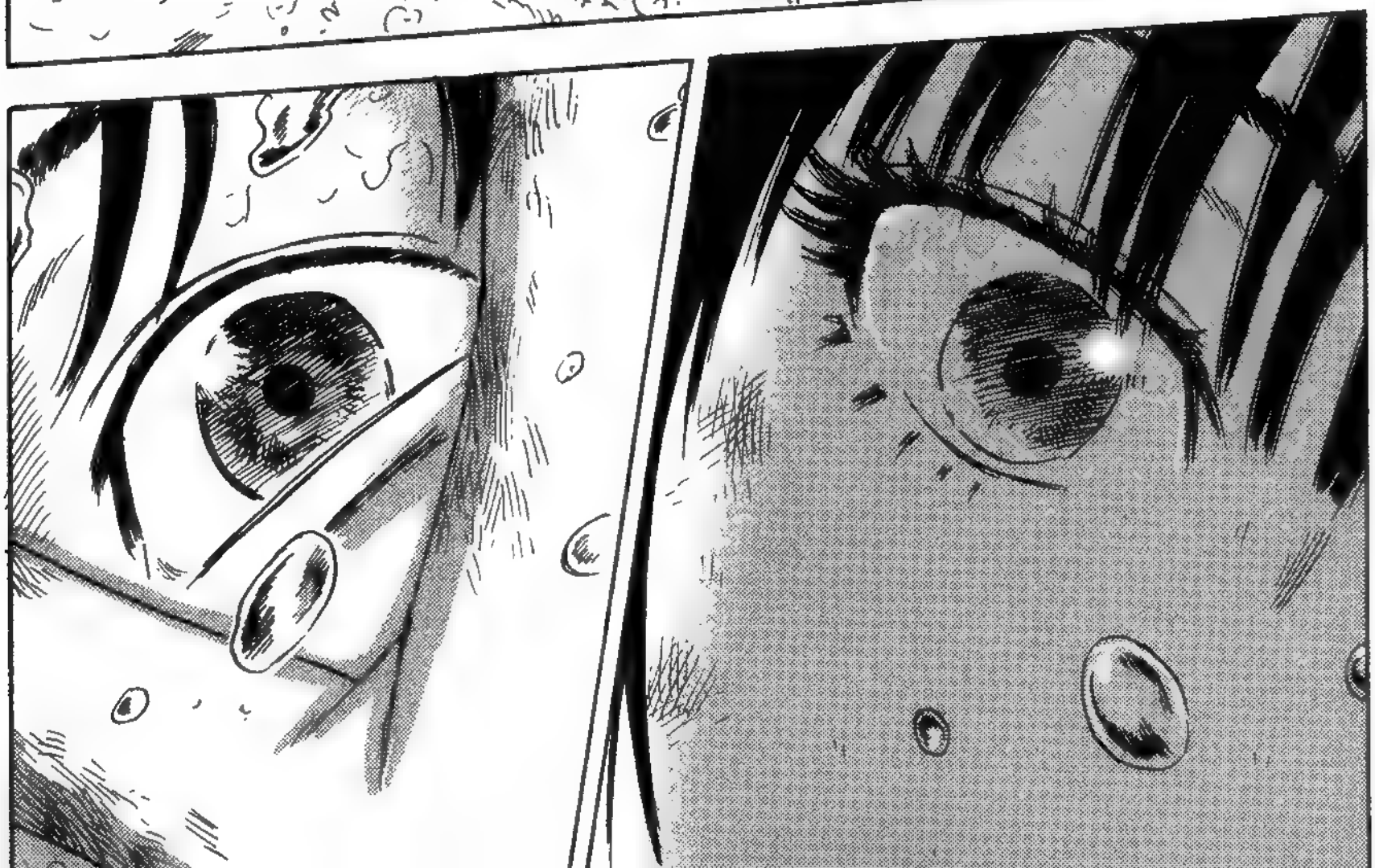
EVEN THEN ...

THAT'S WHY ...

YOU HAVEN'T DISAP-PEARED.
I'M SO HAPPY

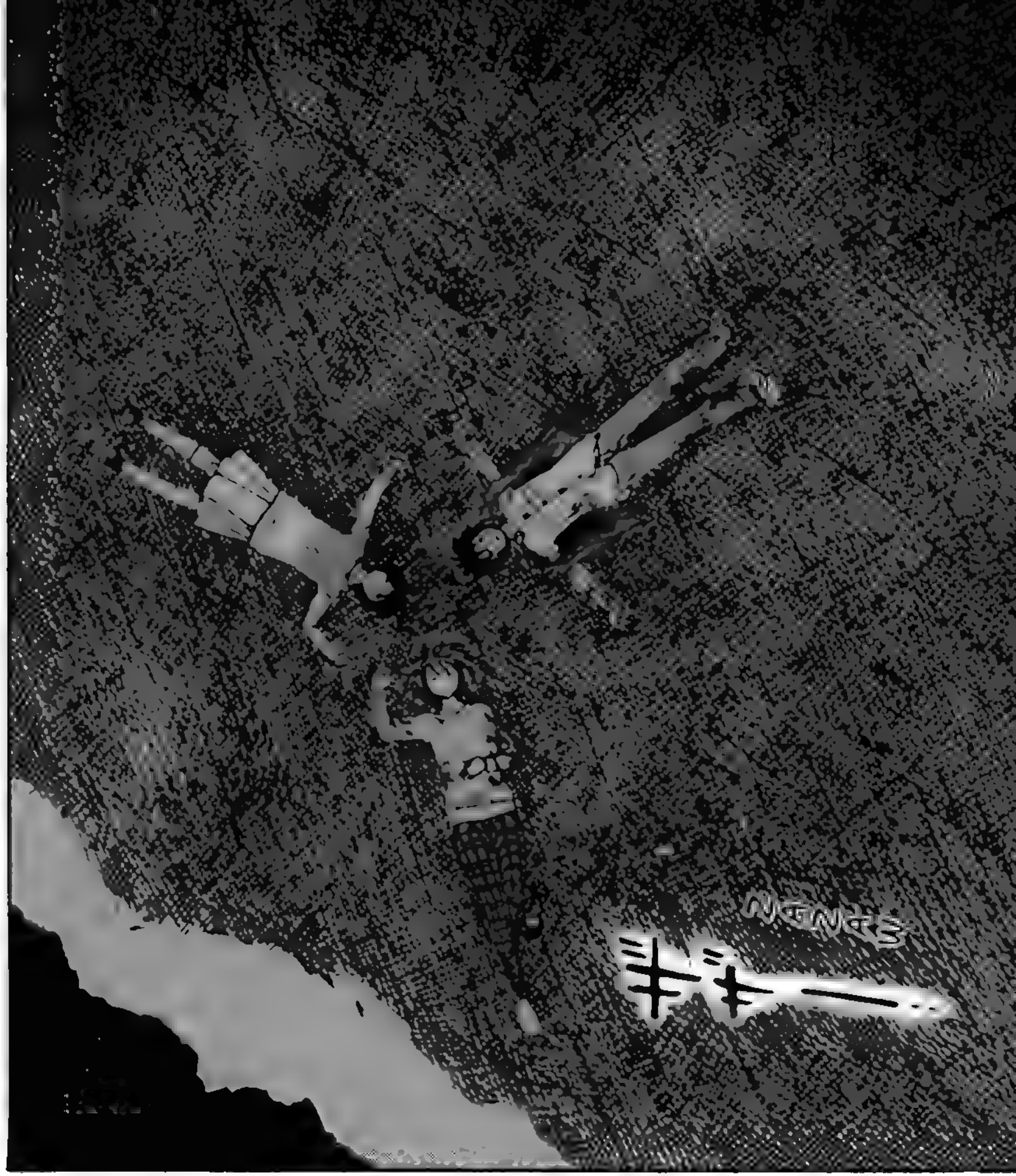






ZAZAW

AVENGERS


AVENGERS

PANT

PANT

ZAZAW

PANT

KASUGA.

ZANAW

YOU NORMAL-MAN.

DON'T EVER COME BACK,

ZAZAW

"!"!"

THANK YOU.

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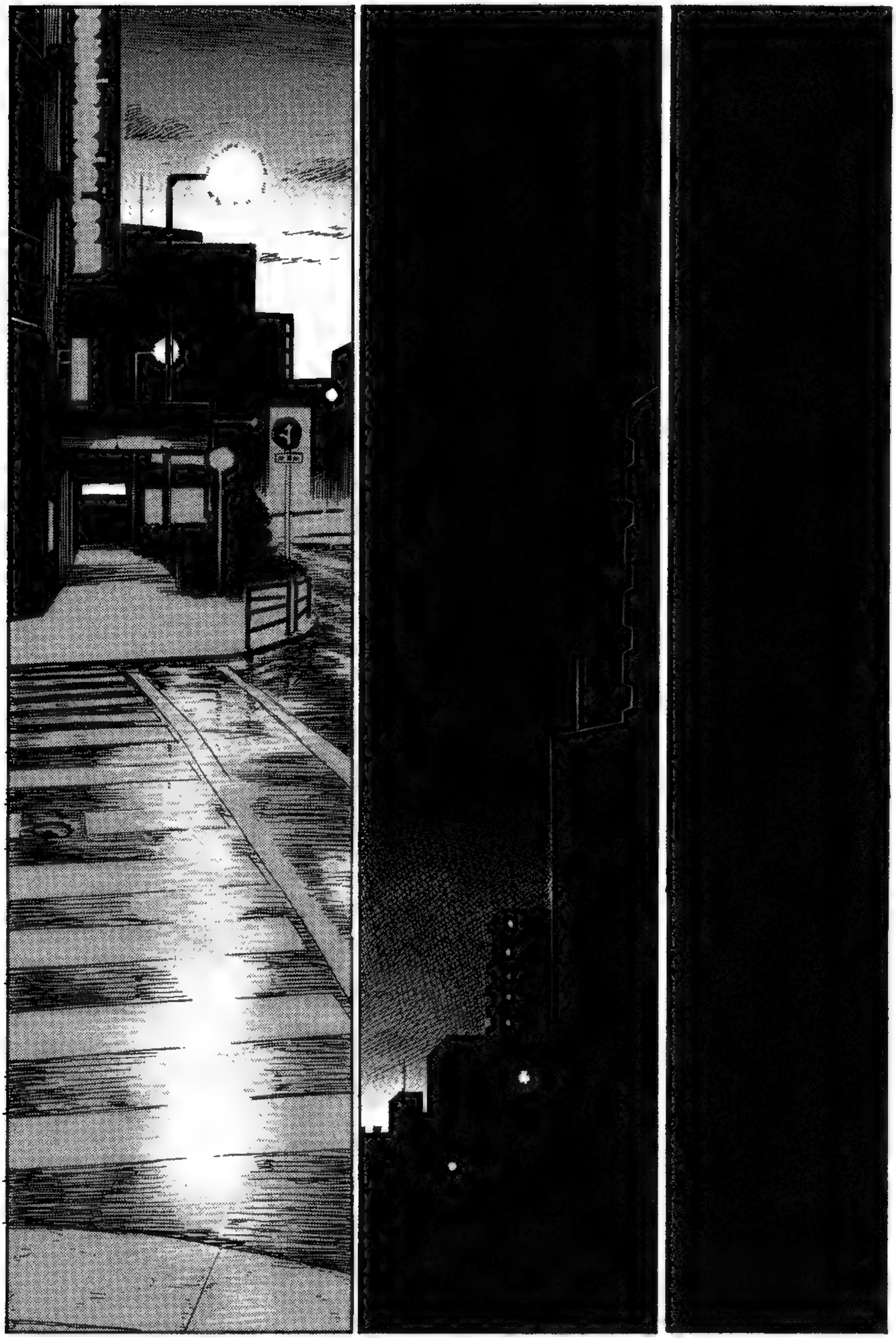
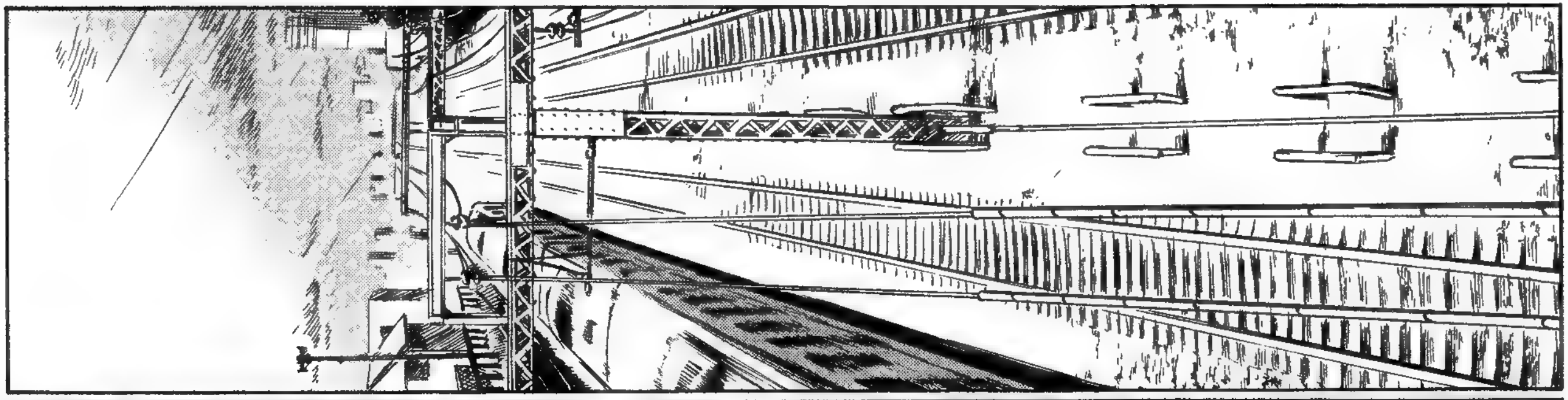
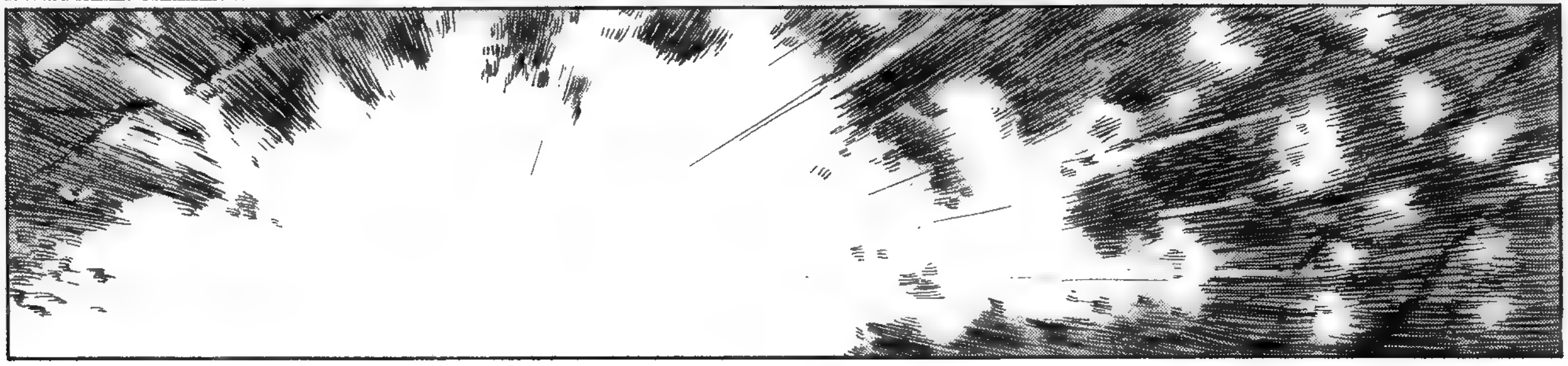
Chapter 55: Following Time's Passage







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DOORS ARE CLOSING !

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ZIKZIK
KMEN
ZIKZIK

SNEEK
SNEEK
SNEEK
WE BRIEFLY REVIEWED HIS LIFE.
UP THROUGH THE LAST CLASS
TODAY WE'LL LOOK AT A POEM ENTITLED "THE HEAD OF HAIR."
STARTING TODAY WE'LL BEGIN READING A FEW OF HIS WORKS.

AND APPEARS IN THE POETRY COLLECTION THE FLOWERS OF EVIL.

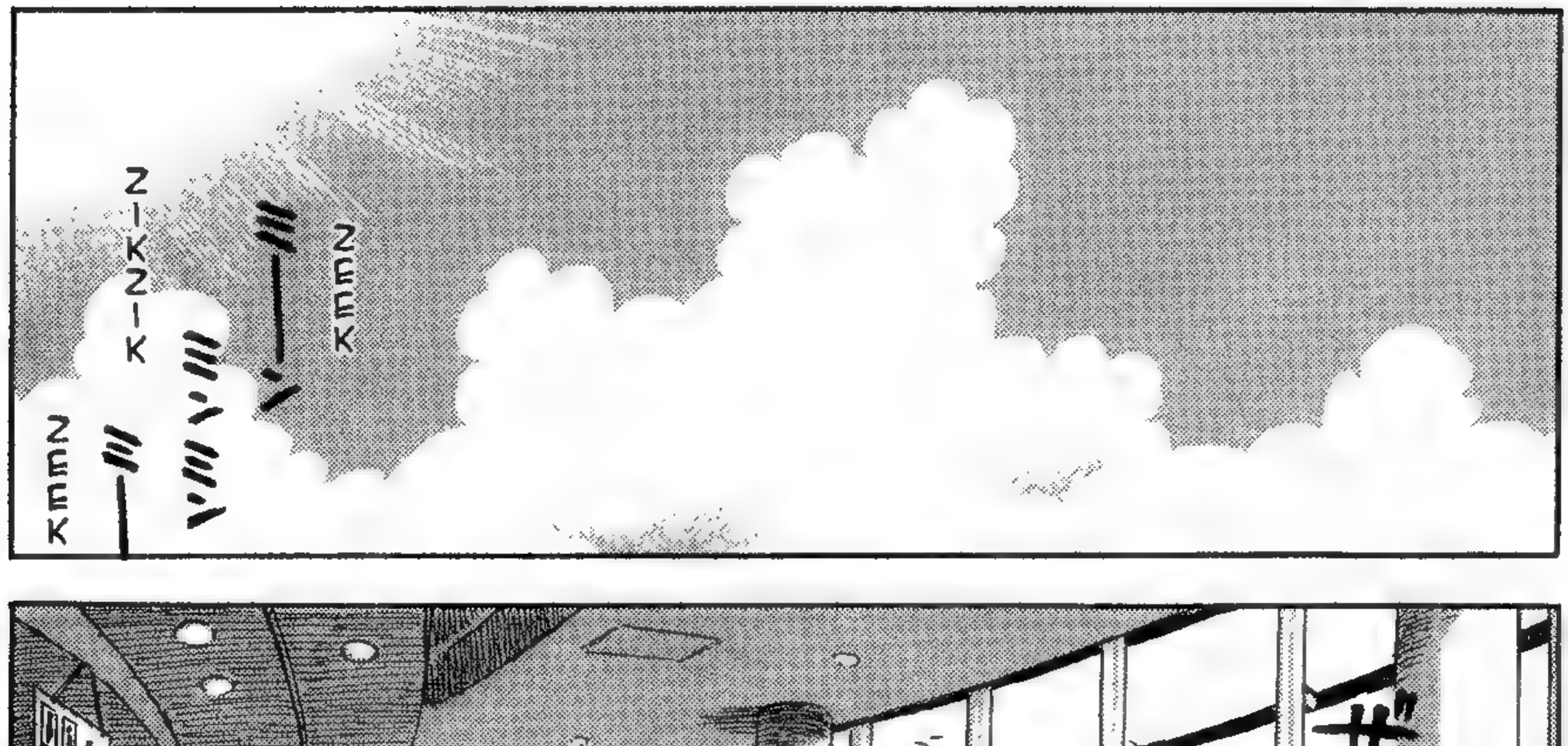
IT WAS PUBLISHED IN 1859

The Complete Poems of Baudelaire 1
The Flowers of Evil
The Wrecks
New Flowers of Evil

Tr: Yoshio Abe
Chikuma PPB

IT'S SAID THIS PIECE WAS COMPOSED ABOUT JEANNE DUVAL.

FROM HER, BAUDELAIRE CREATED MANY POEMS.


ZIKZIK
ZEEK
ZEEK

CLAMOR
CLAMOR

KASUGA.

I WENT TO THE CLUB ROOM BUT NO ONE WAS THERE.

'SUP.

OH.

WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READ-ING?

HA,

IT'S FOR A CLASS.

THE FLOWERS OF EVIL. BALDE-LAIRE.

UH HUH ...

BUT MY POOR LITTLE BRAIN COULDN'T SEE WHAT WAS SO GREAT ABOUT IT.

AH, I READ THAT TOO.

IT'S LIKE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BOOK AND KINDA FUN.

BUT TRYING IT NOW ...

IT WAS LIKE THAT FOR ME TOO WHEN I READ IT BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,

NAH.

WAIT, IN MIDDLE SCHOOL? AN EARLY BLOOMER, HUH?

YEAH? HOW ABOUT THAT.

EARLY OR LATE DOESN'T REALLY MATTER, DOES IT ?

DRY CLEANING

190円

THAT'LL BE 2,100 YEN ALL TOGETHER.

UH...

OH —

2,100 YEN, PLEASE!

YES?!

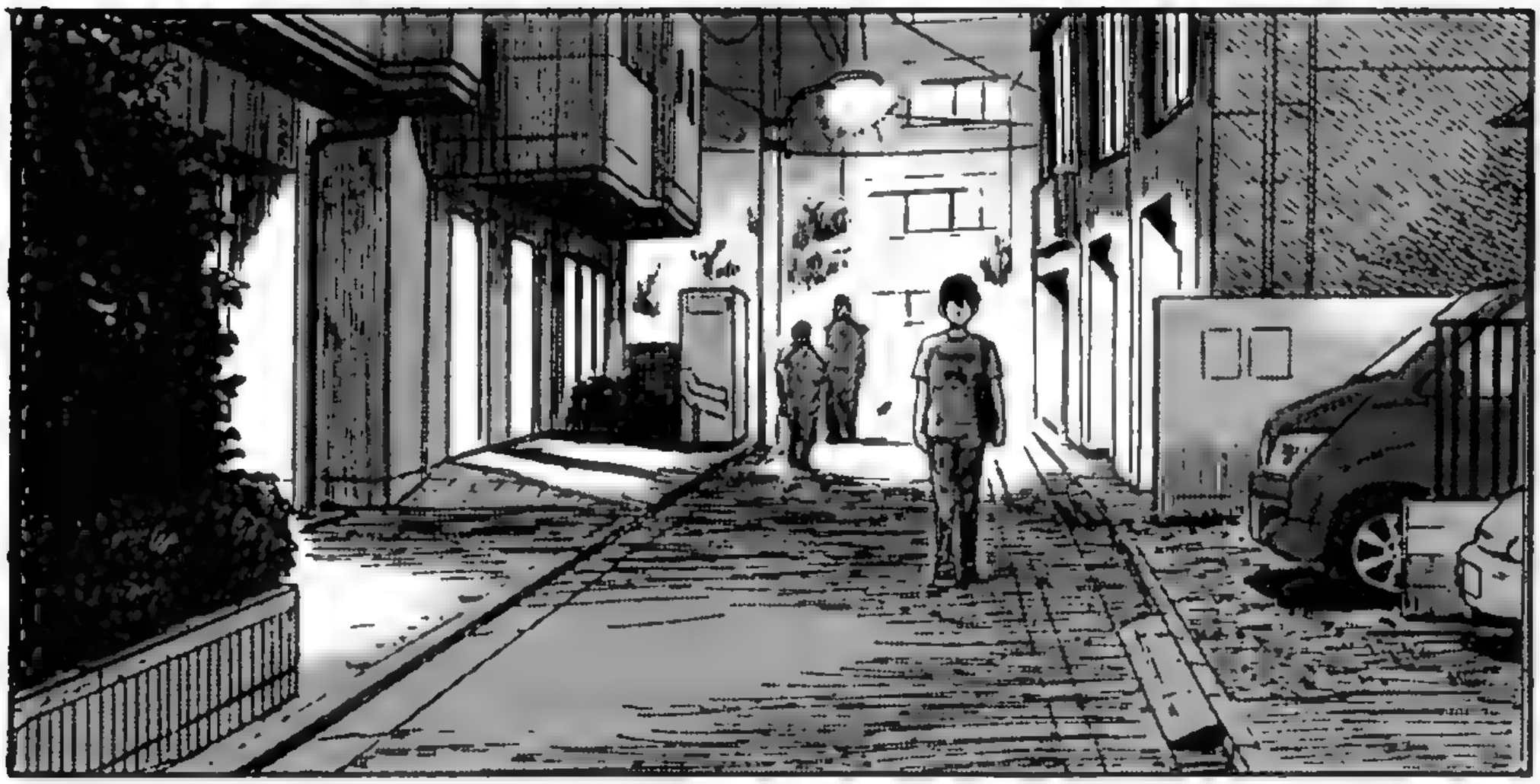
KASUGA.

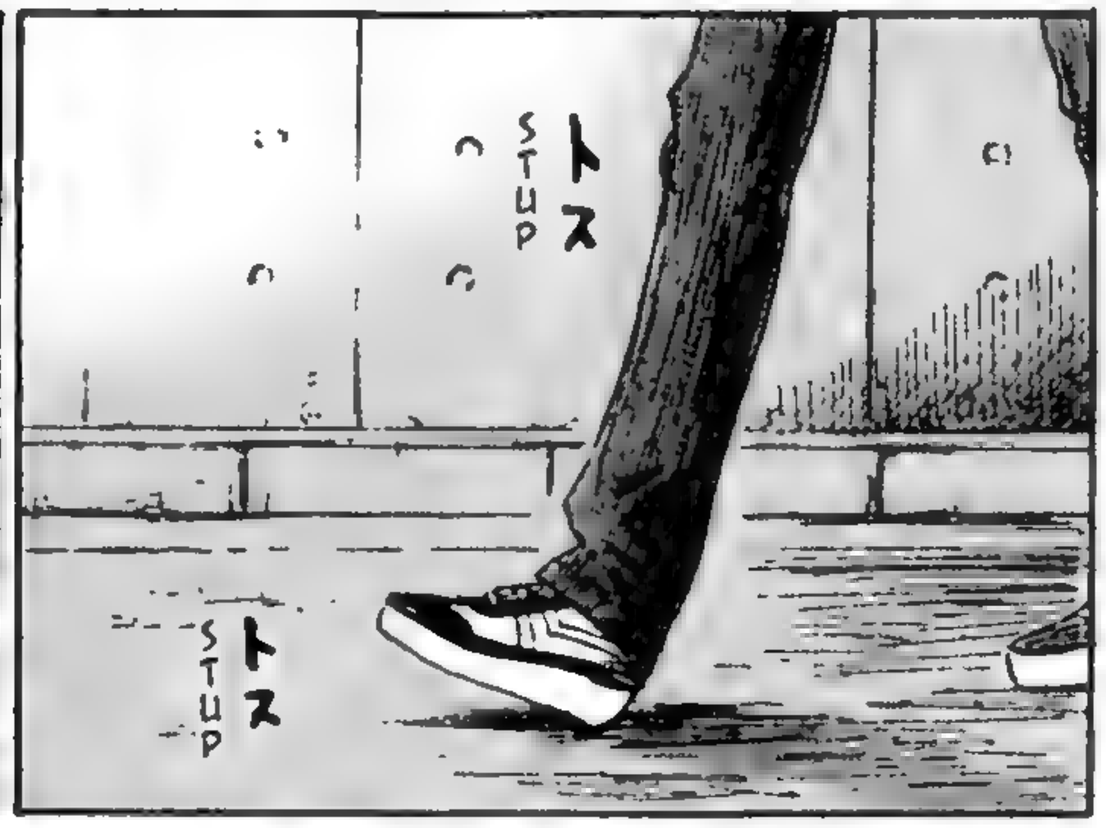
THANK YOU VERY MUCH...

WHRRM

OH...
YES, SIR! I'M SORRY!
YOU'VE GOTTA SPEAK UP, SON.

WE-
WELCOME !!
WHRRM

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キーン KREEE

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LET'S EAT.

POP POP POP

もぐ
MUNCH
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IN NAKANO WARD TOKYO ...

KOKUYO

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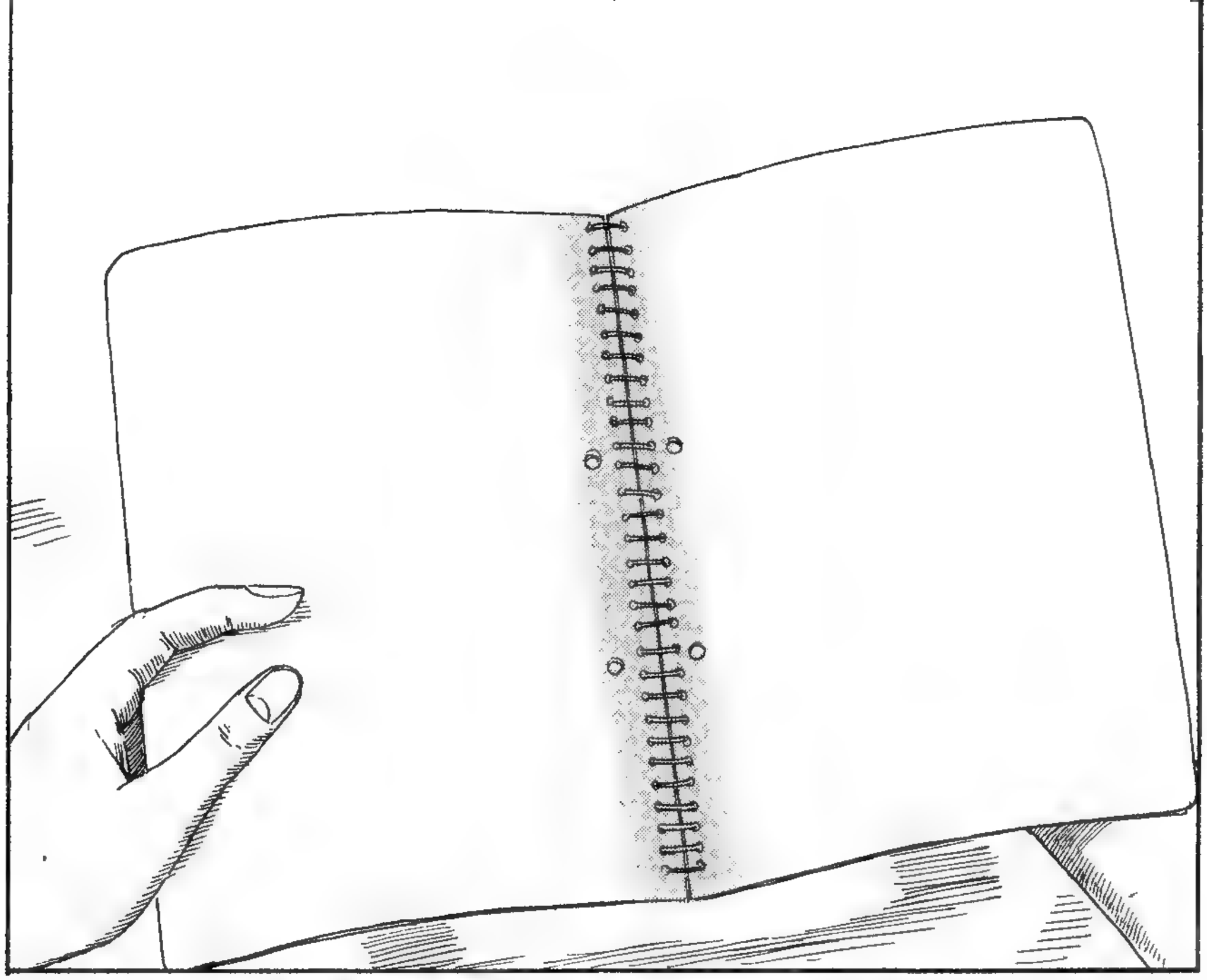
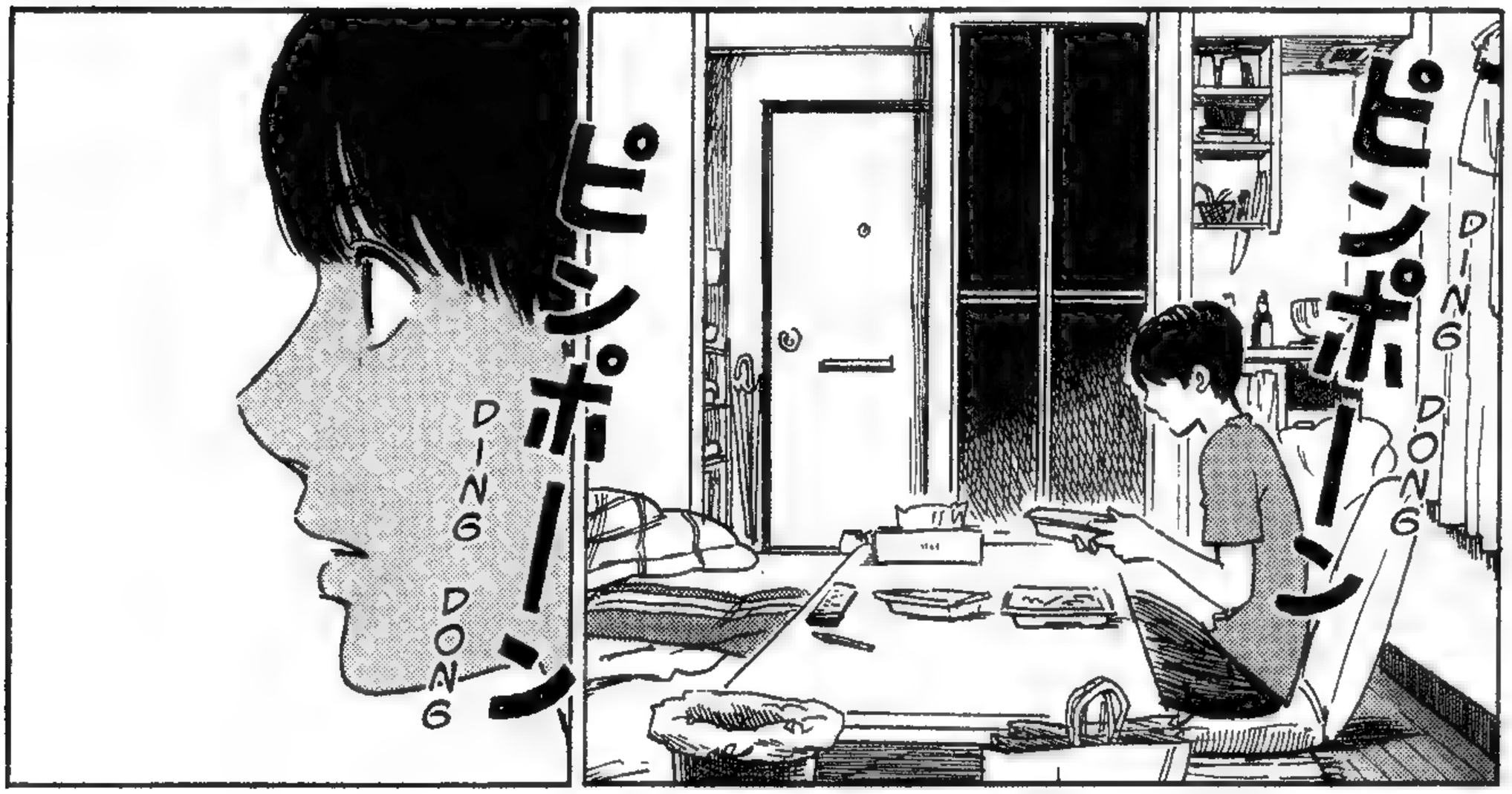
KOKUYO

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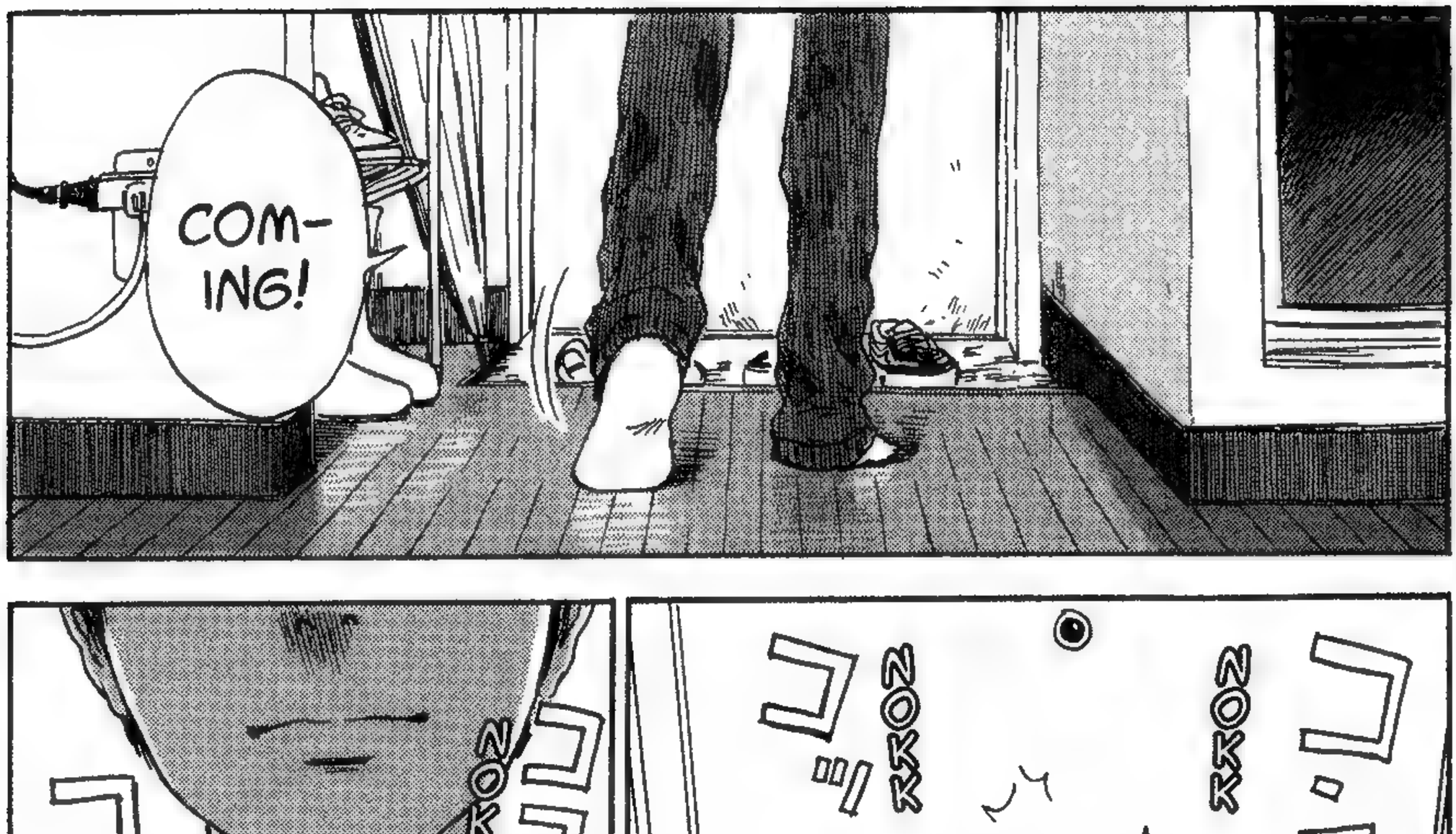

COM-
ING!
KOZKOZ
KOZKOZ
KOZKOZ

YO.

PFF
HA!

HERE.

THANKS.

WHEW!

IT'S JUST SO HOT OUT-SIDE.

HA,

TRIUMPH

OH.

WHAT'S THIS NOTE-BOOK?

THERE'S NOTHING IN IT, YET.

FLIP パラ FLIP パラ

I DON'T KNOW ...

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA WRITE?

LIKE WHAT?

YOU REALLY SHOULD TRY WRITING.

LIKE ANY-THING.

ME? WHAT TALENT? I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT!

I DON'T HAVE TALENT LIKE YOU, TOKIWA.

I HOPE IT WINS.

YOUR NOVEL IS REALLY GOOD.

WELL, AT LEAST I THINK

IT'S BETTER THAN THE ONE I WROTE BEFORE, ANYWAY.

YEAH.

THAT ONE WAS THE BEST.

NO WAY.

D-

DON'T DO THAT, SERI-OUSLY!

EYE JAB!

ひっ POKE

FWAAAH

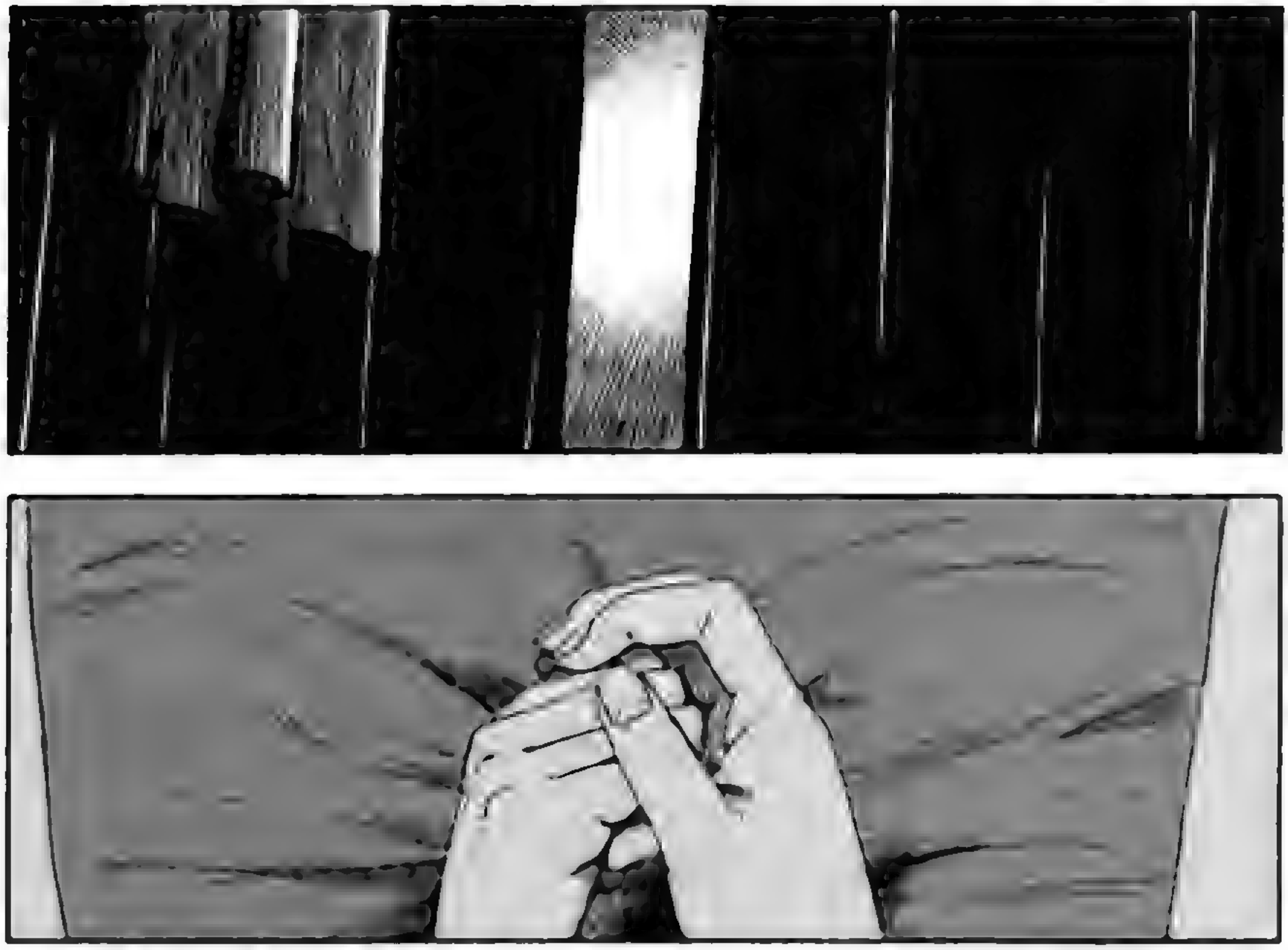
Did you just go "fwaaah"?

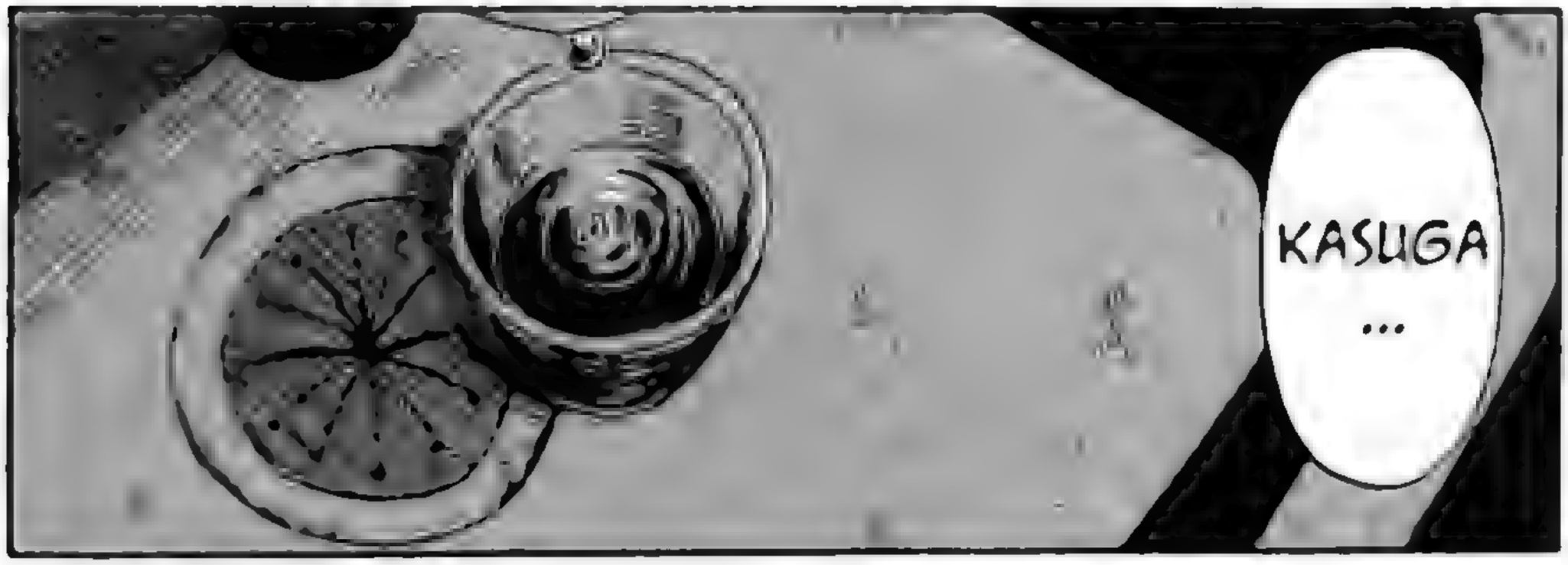
Tee hee hee

...

HEY.

CAN I STAY OVER TONIGHT ?

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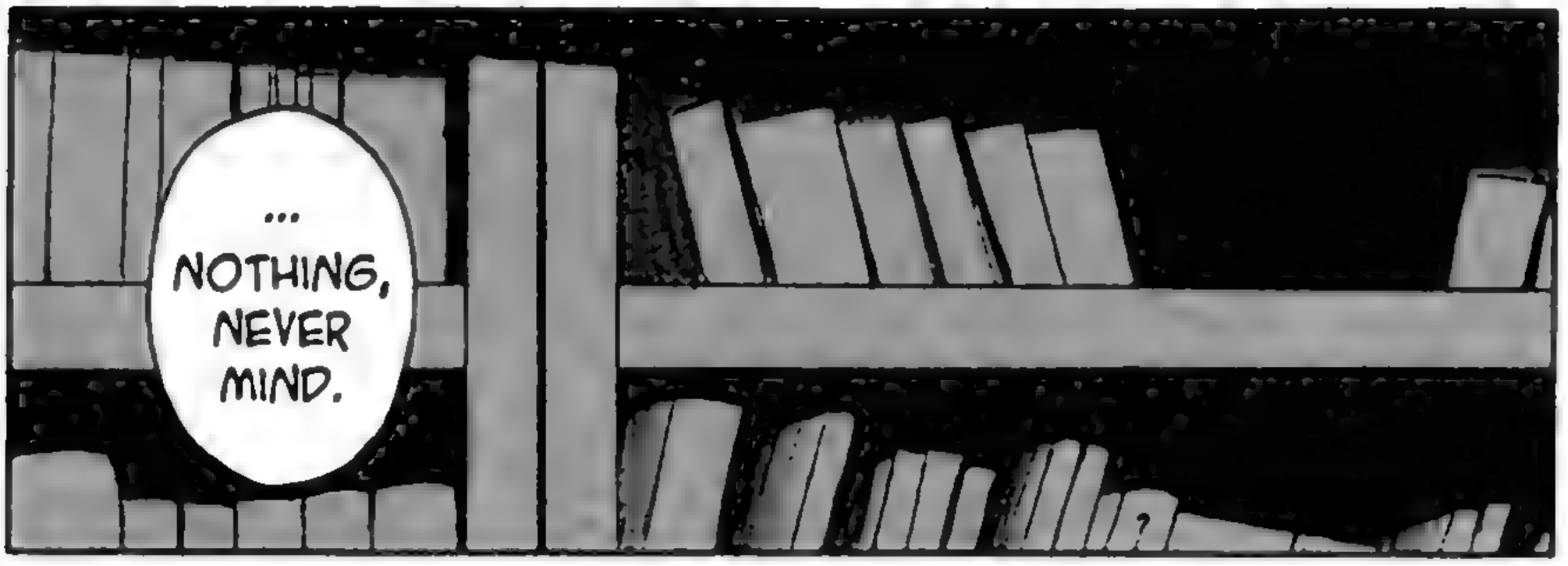
...

HNM?
WHA?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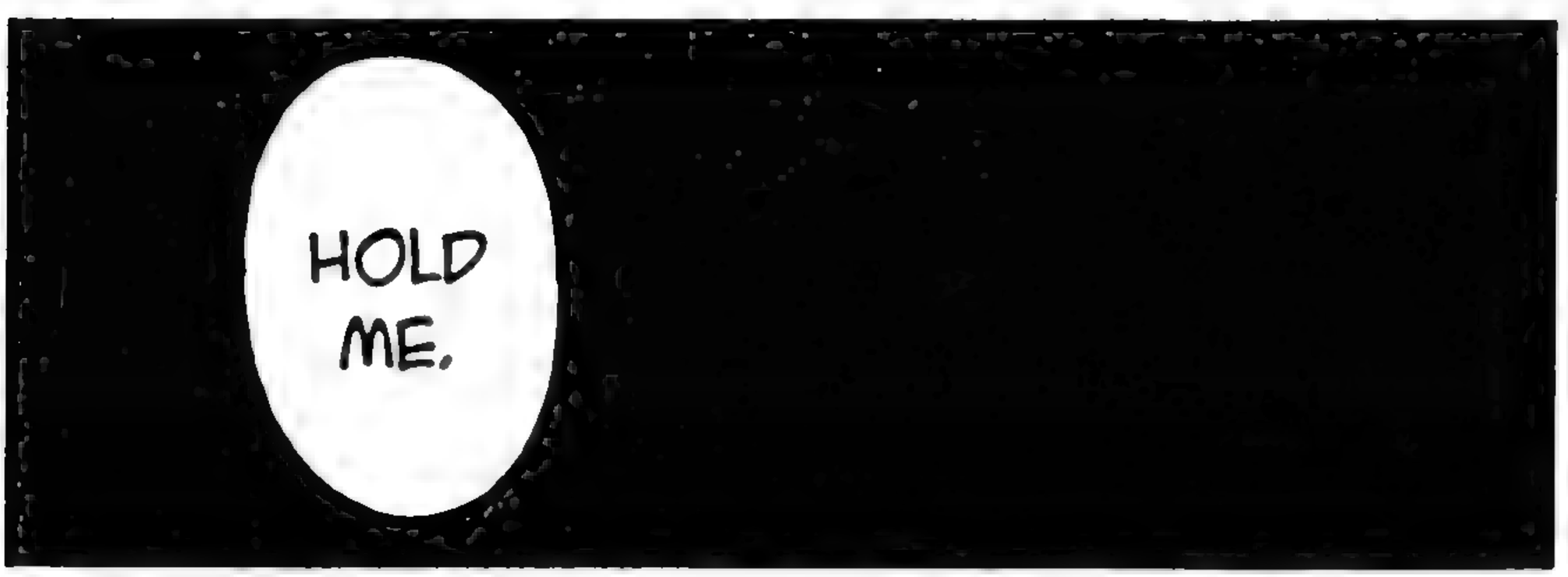
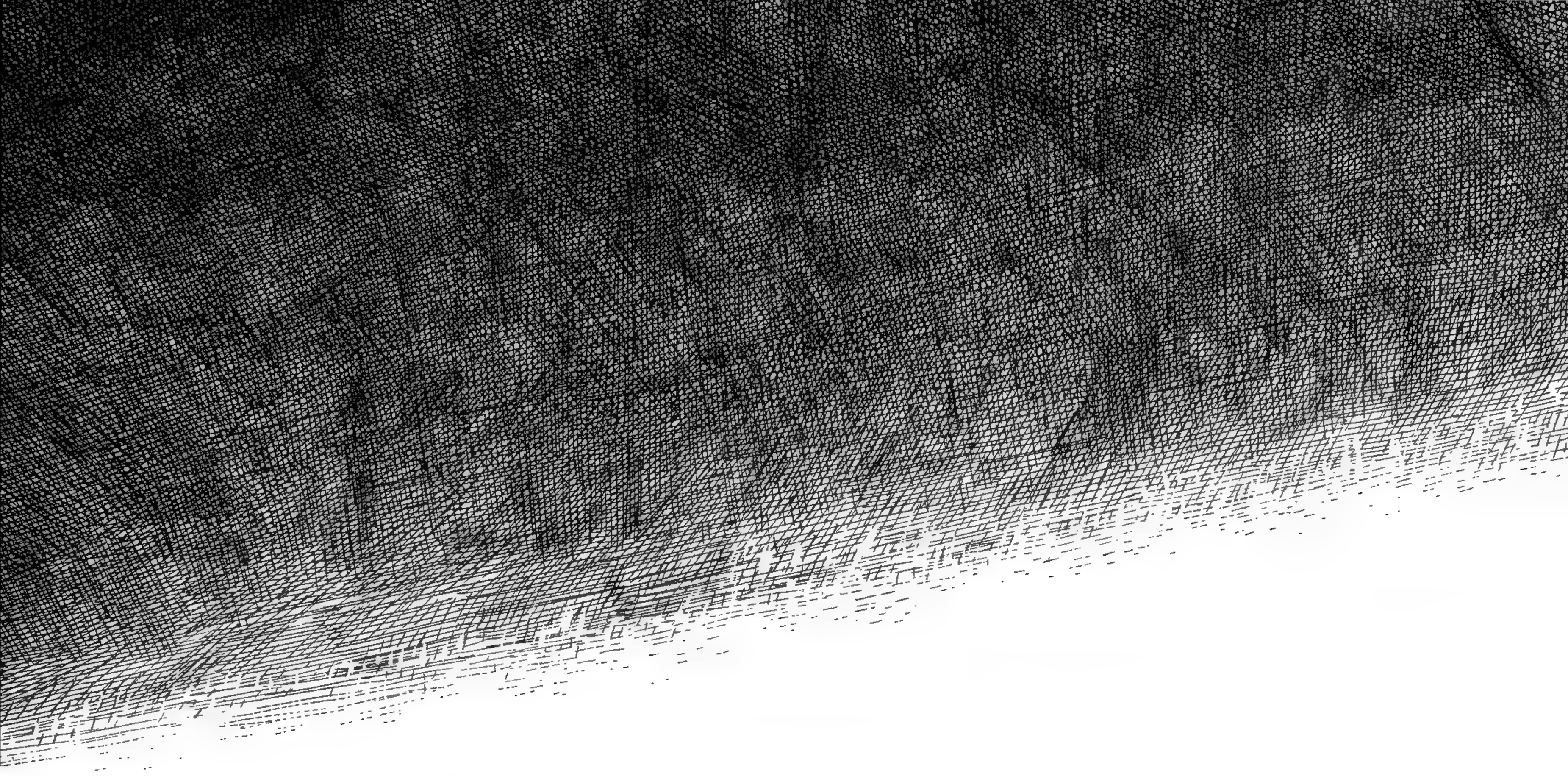

HOLD ME.

YUP.



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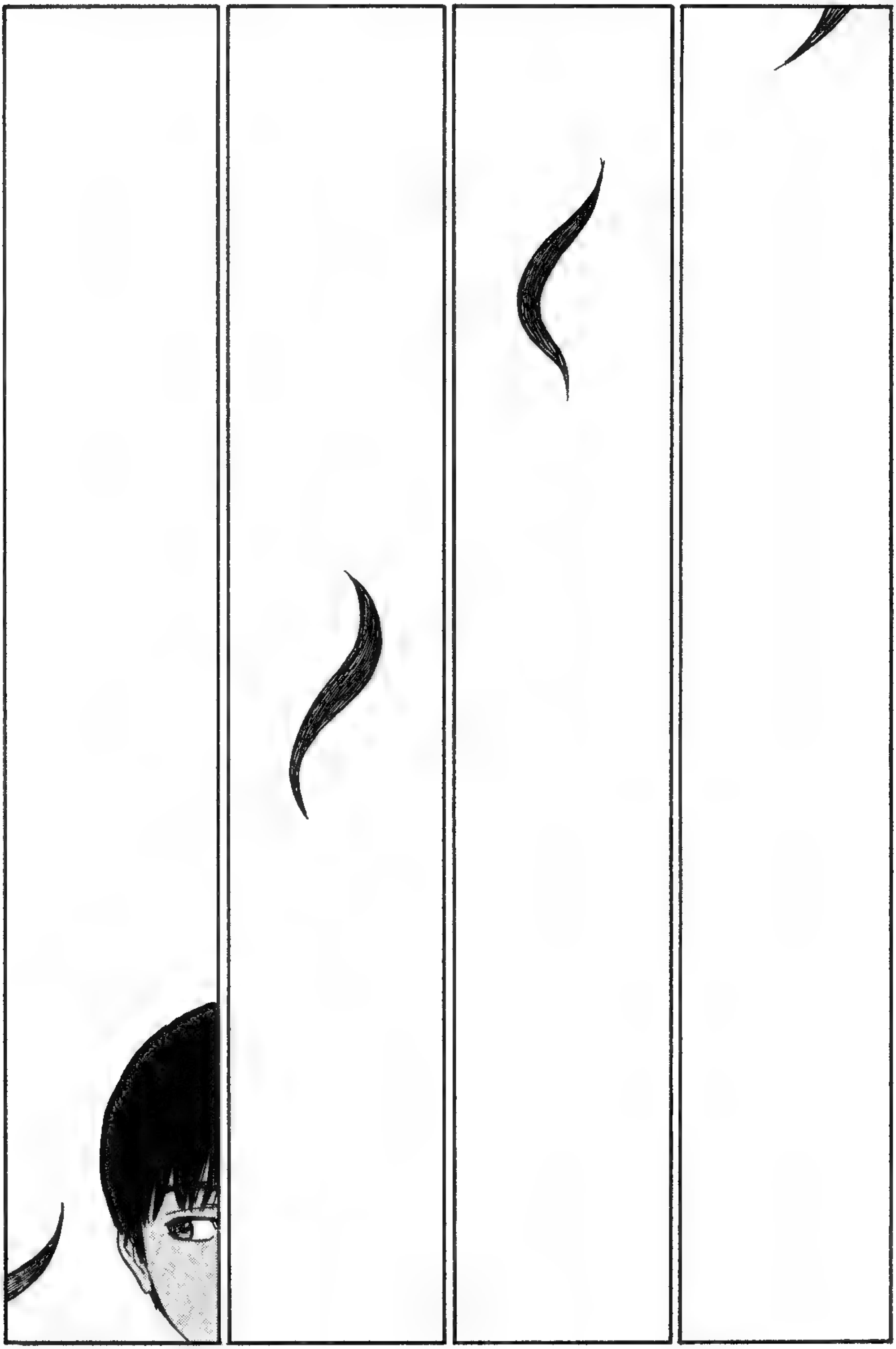

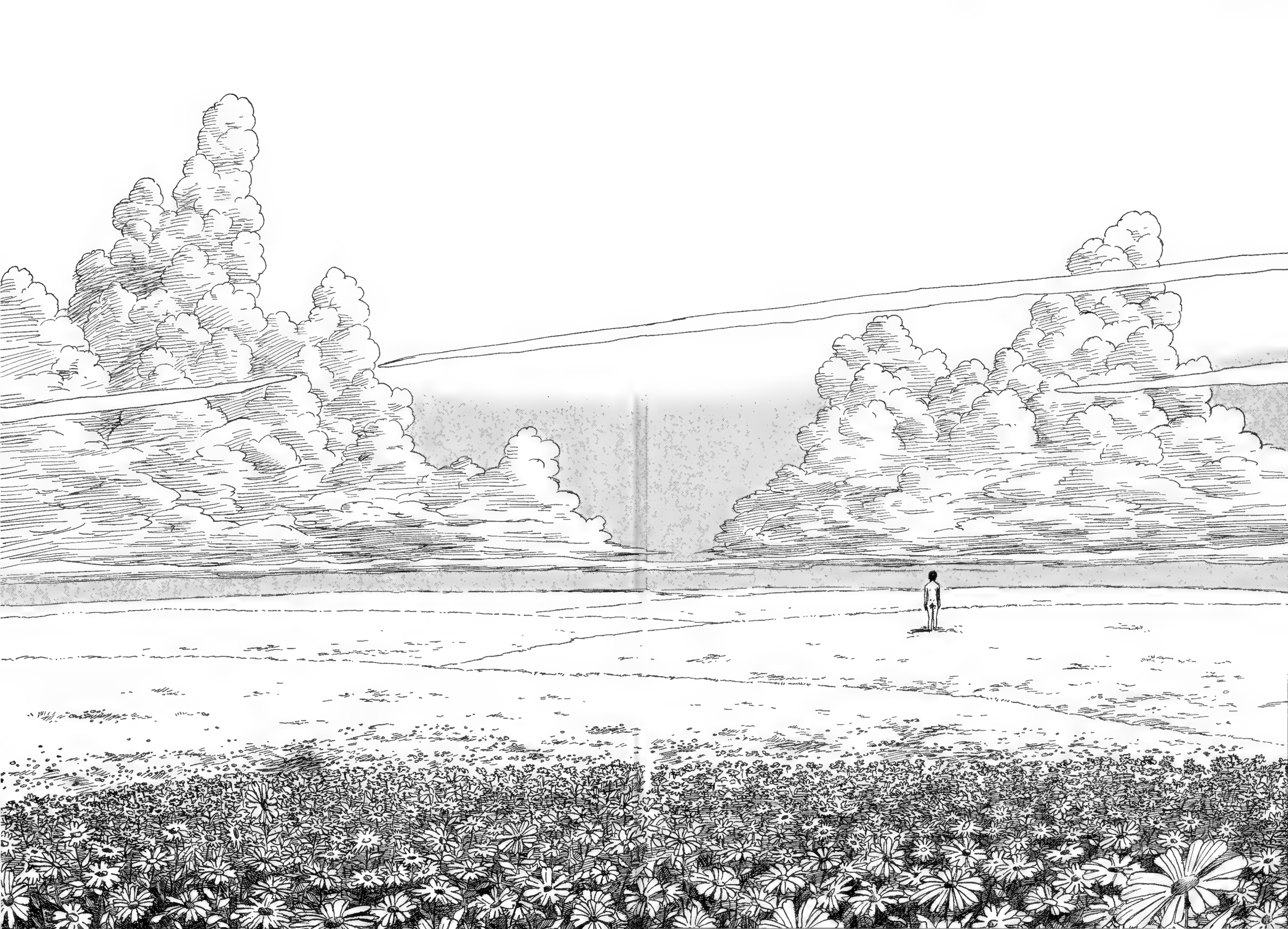

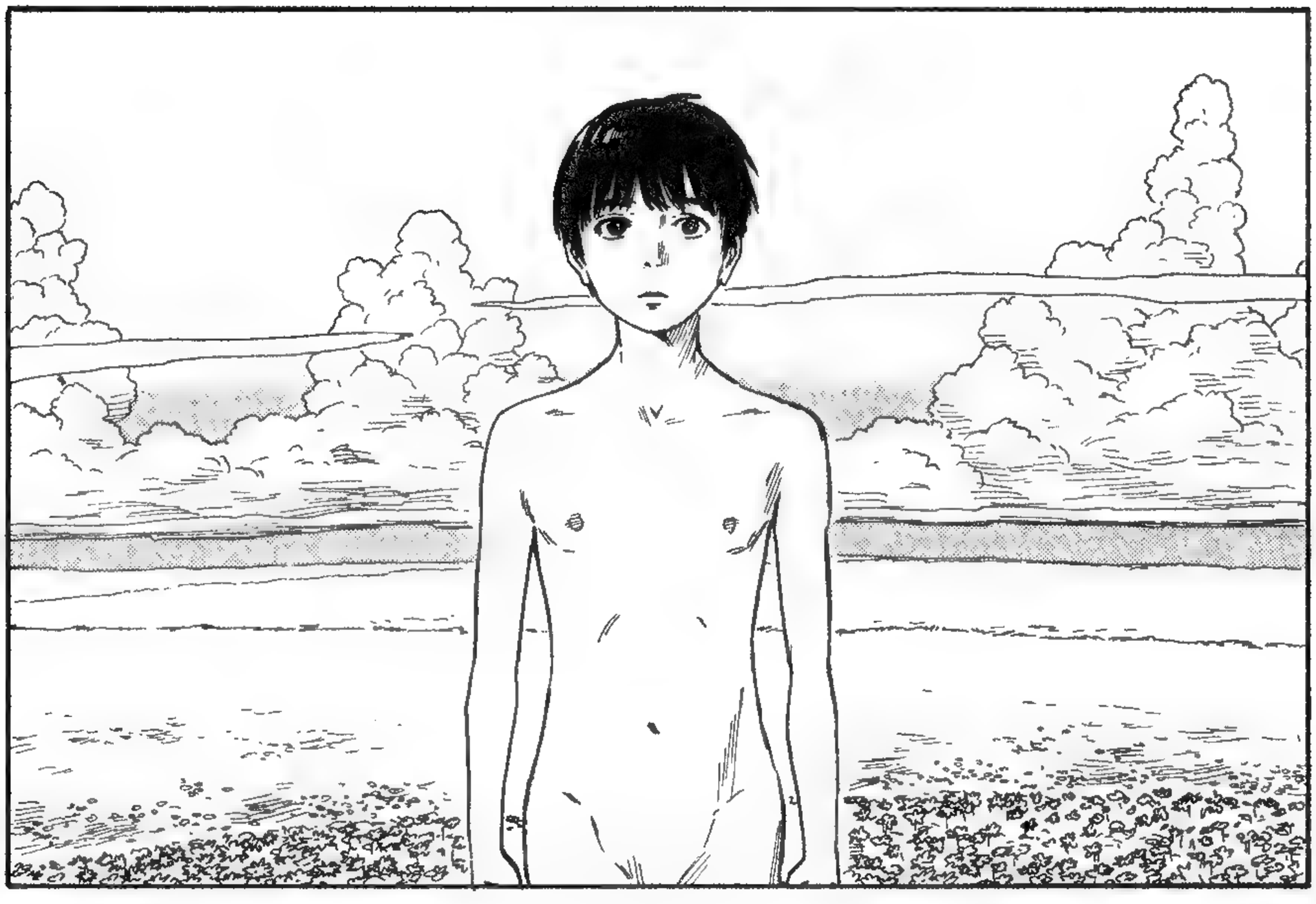

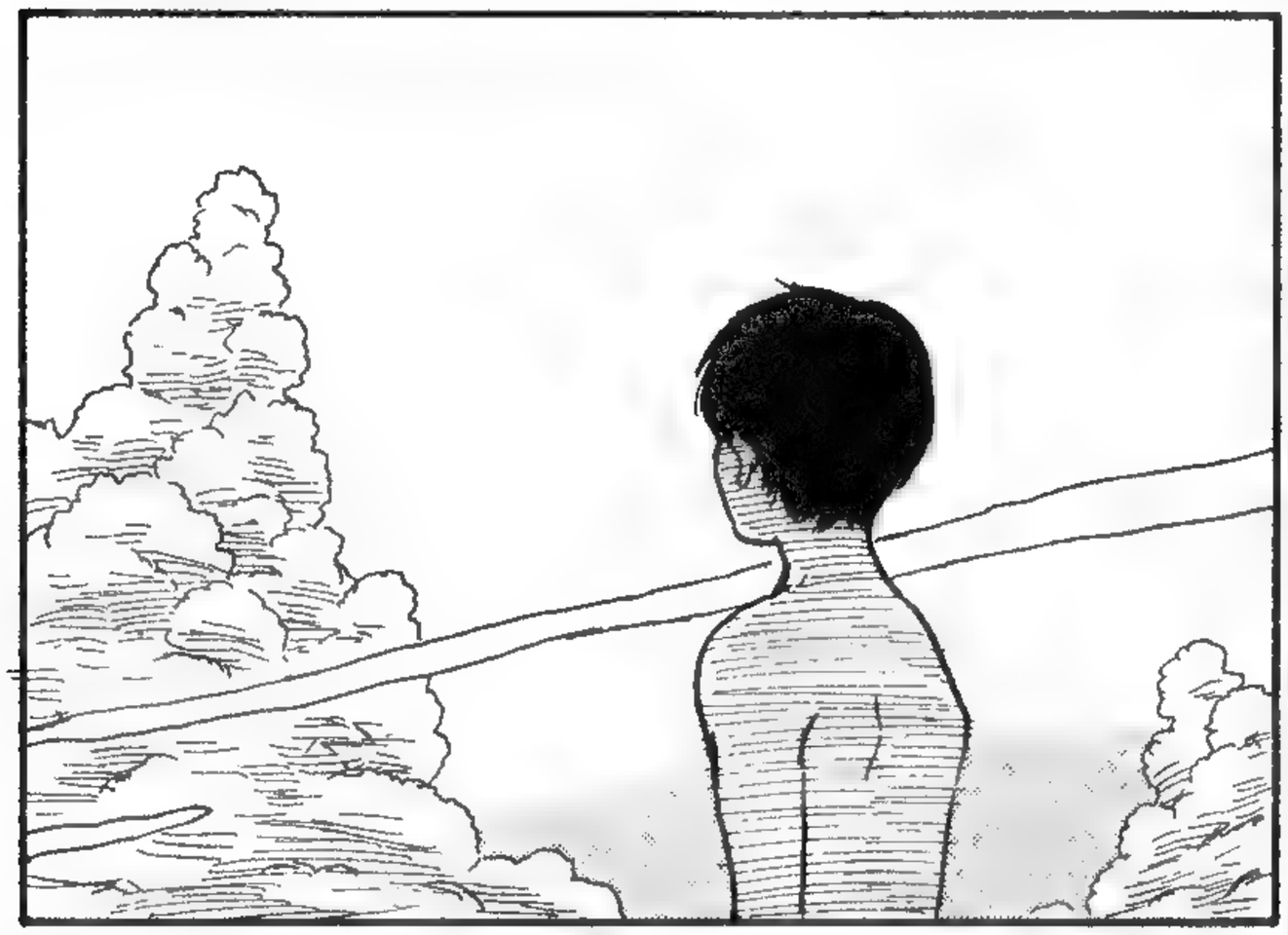

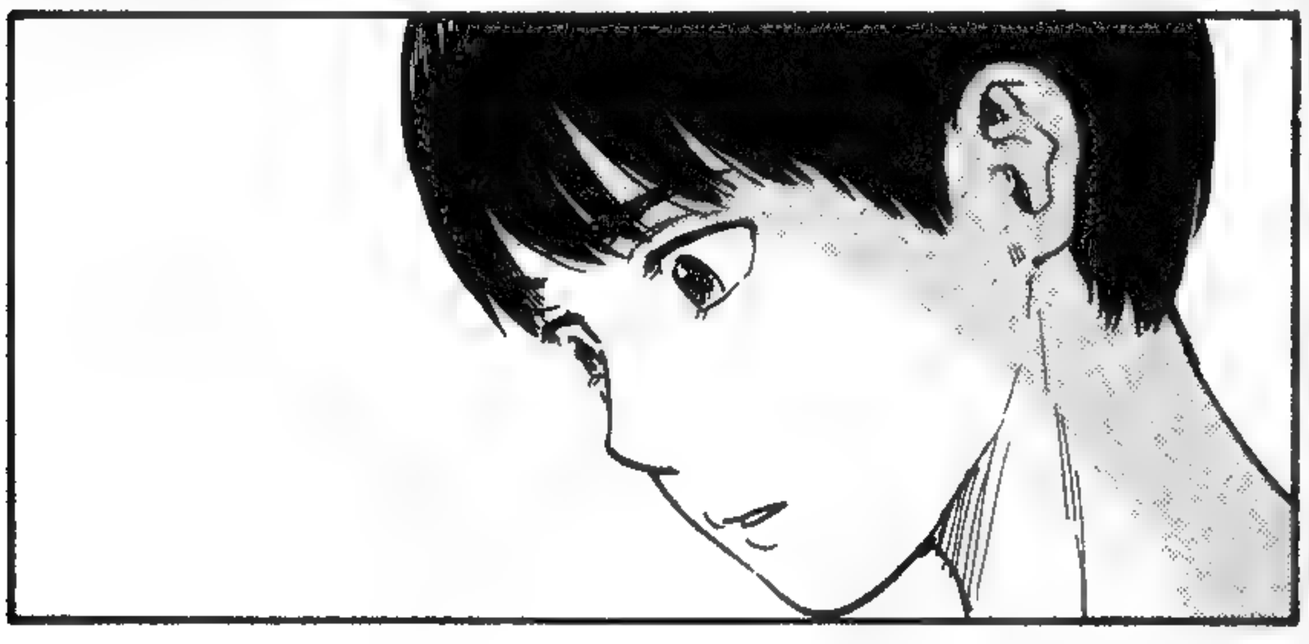

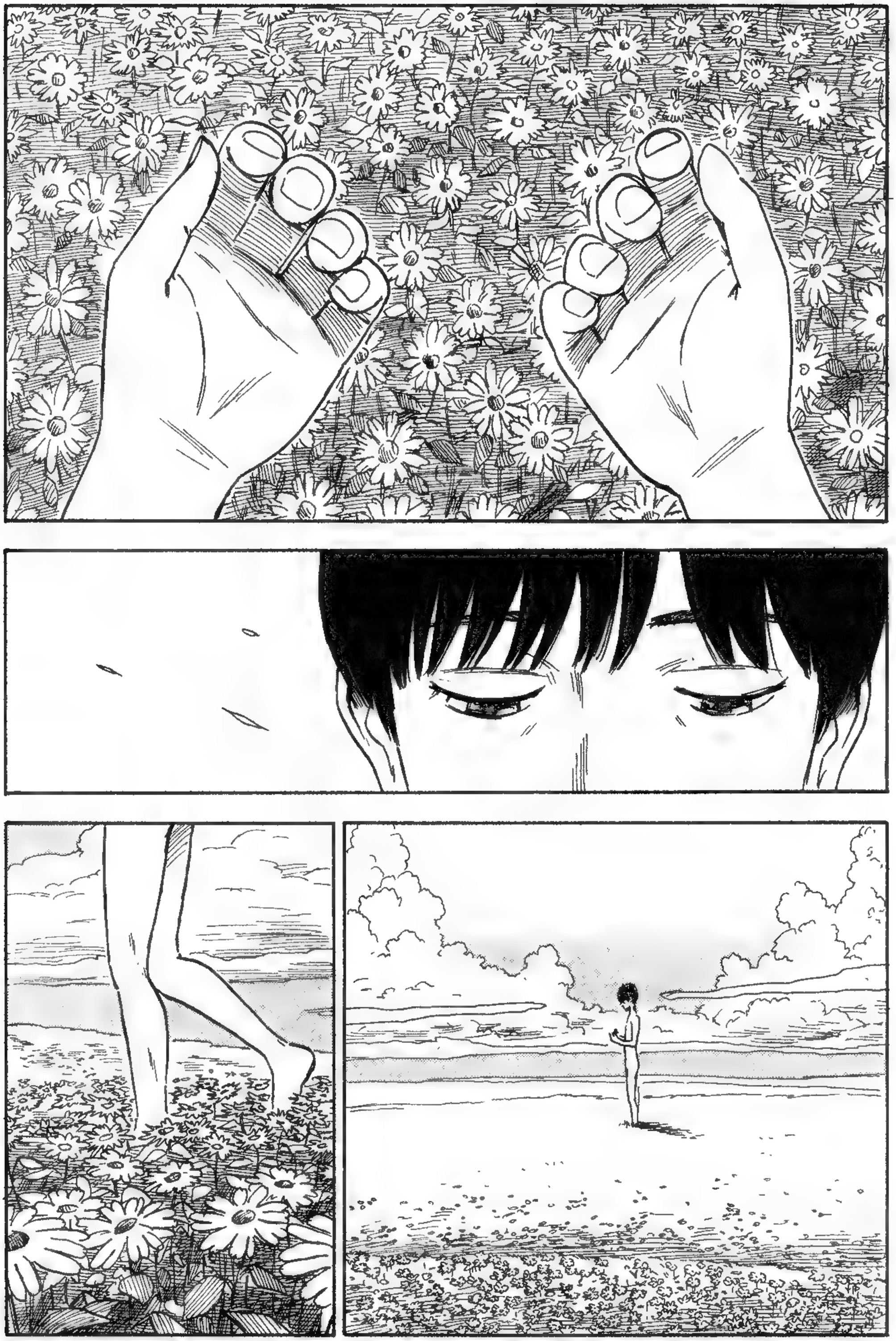

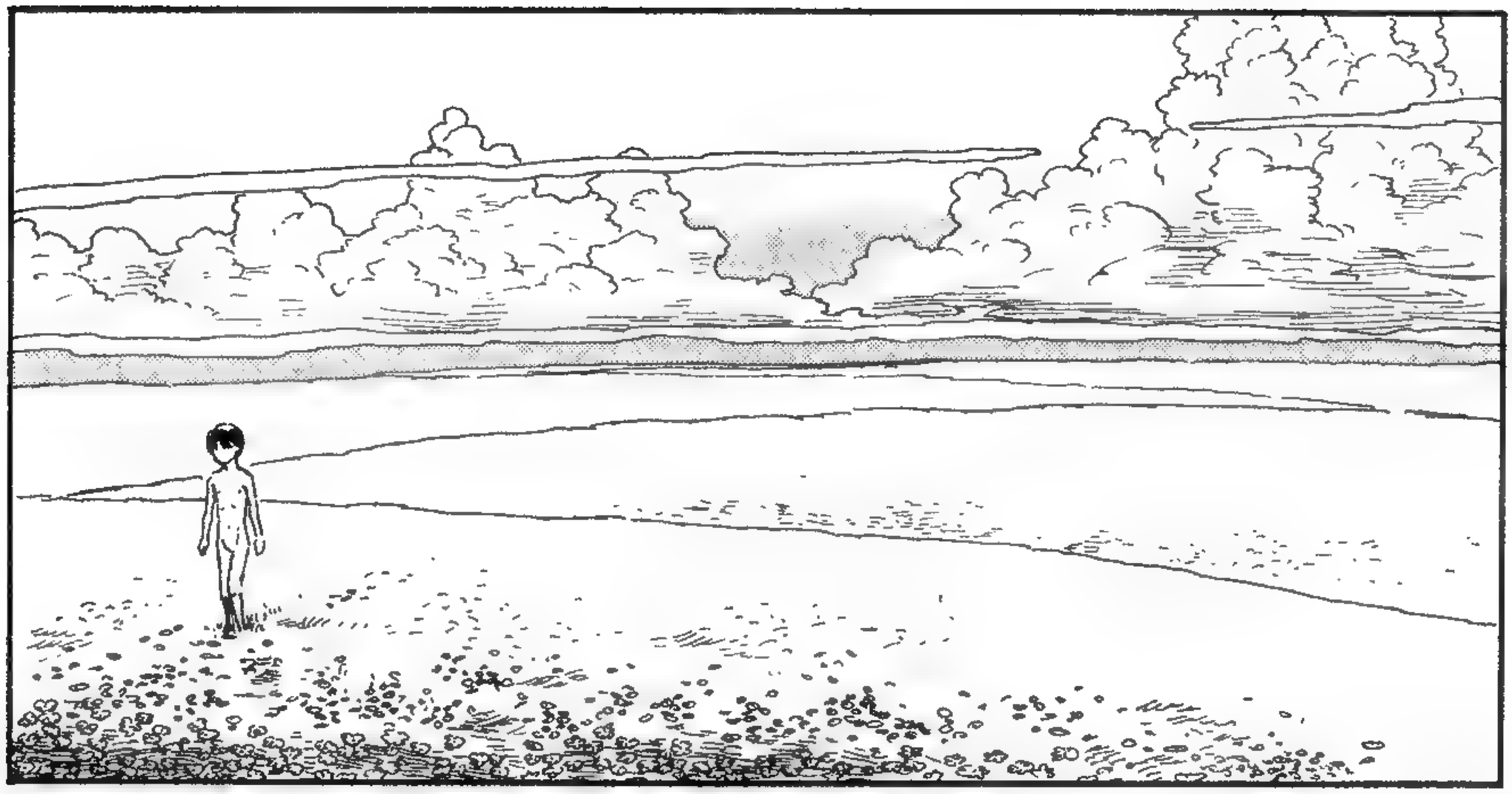

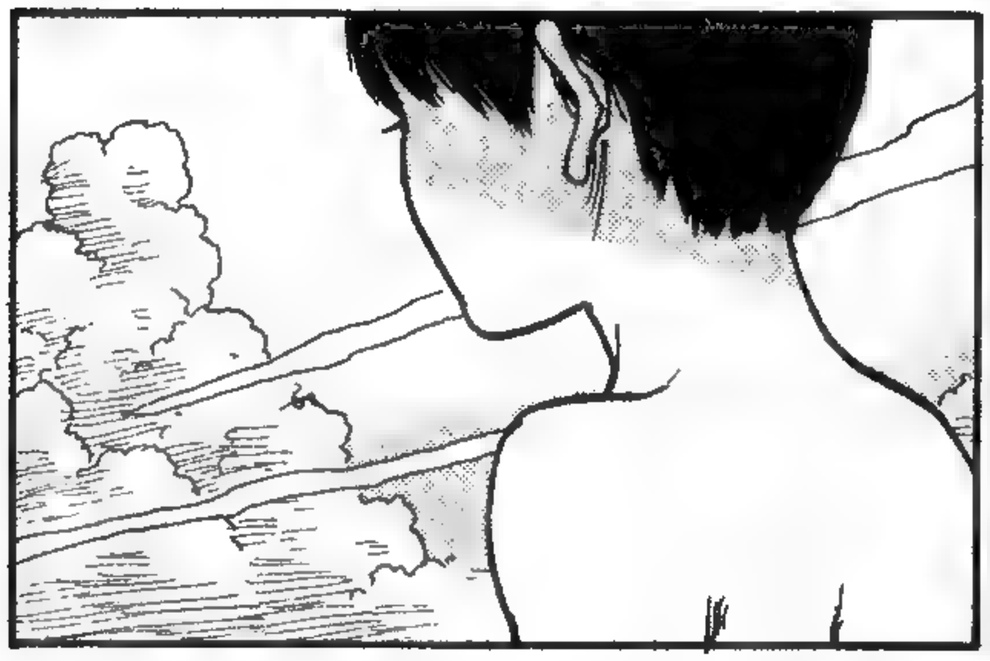

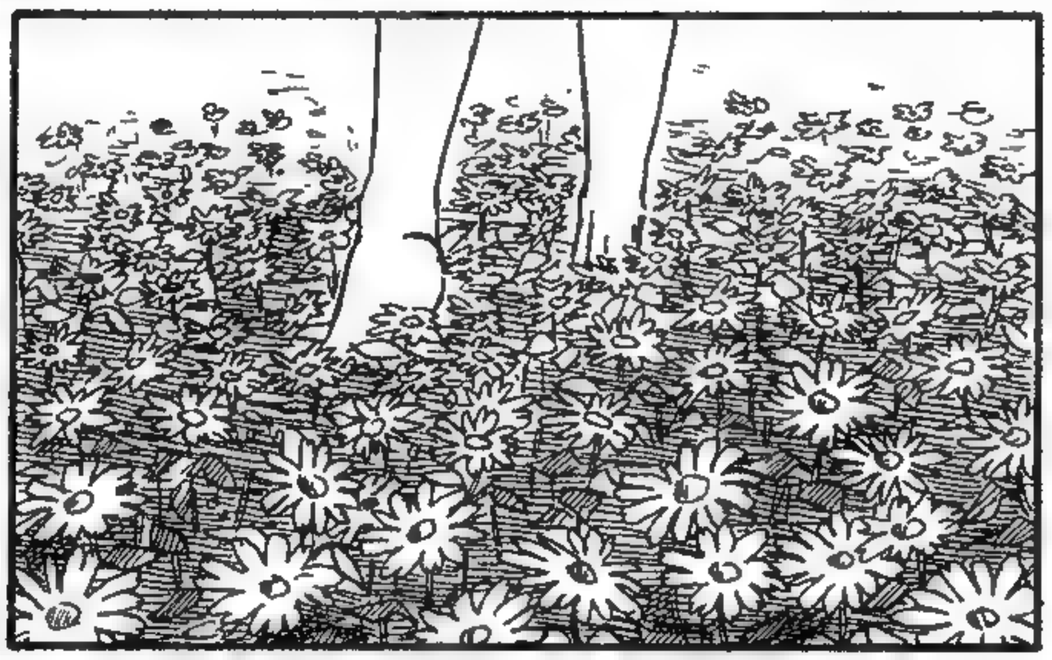

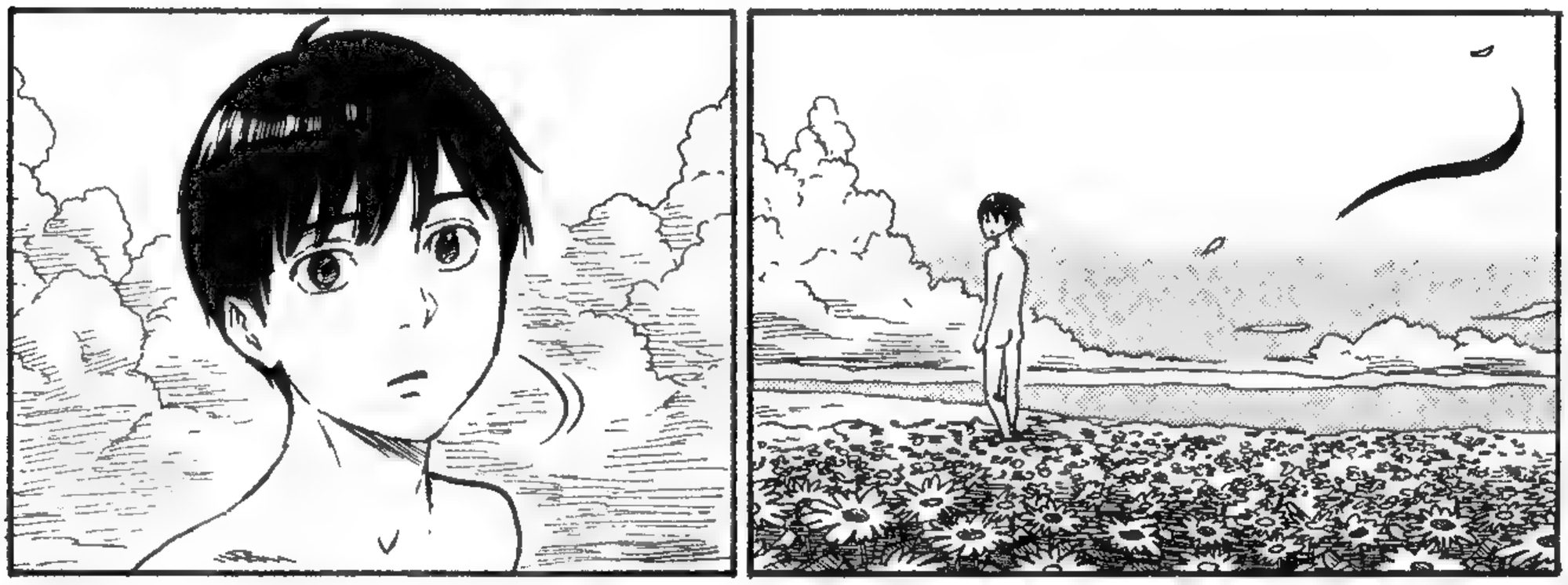

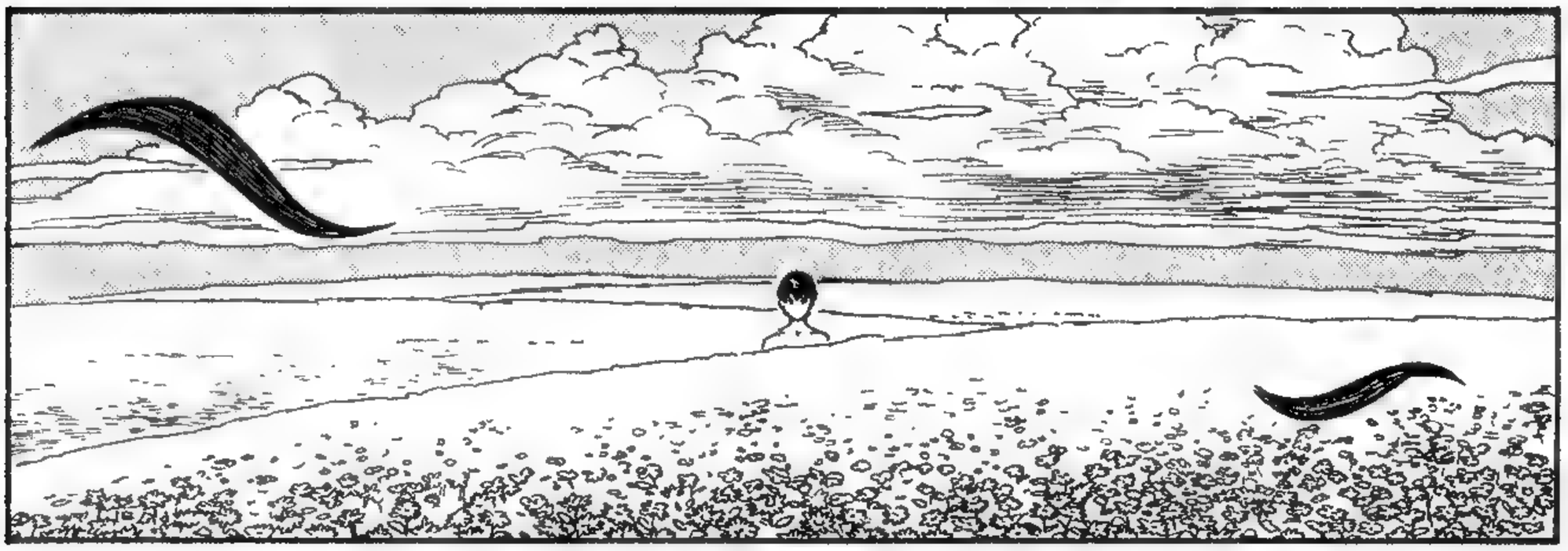

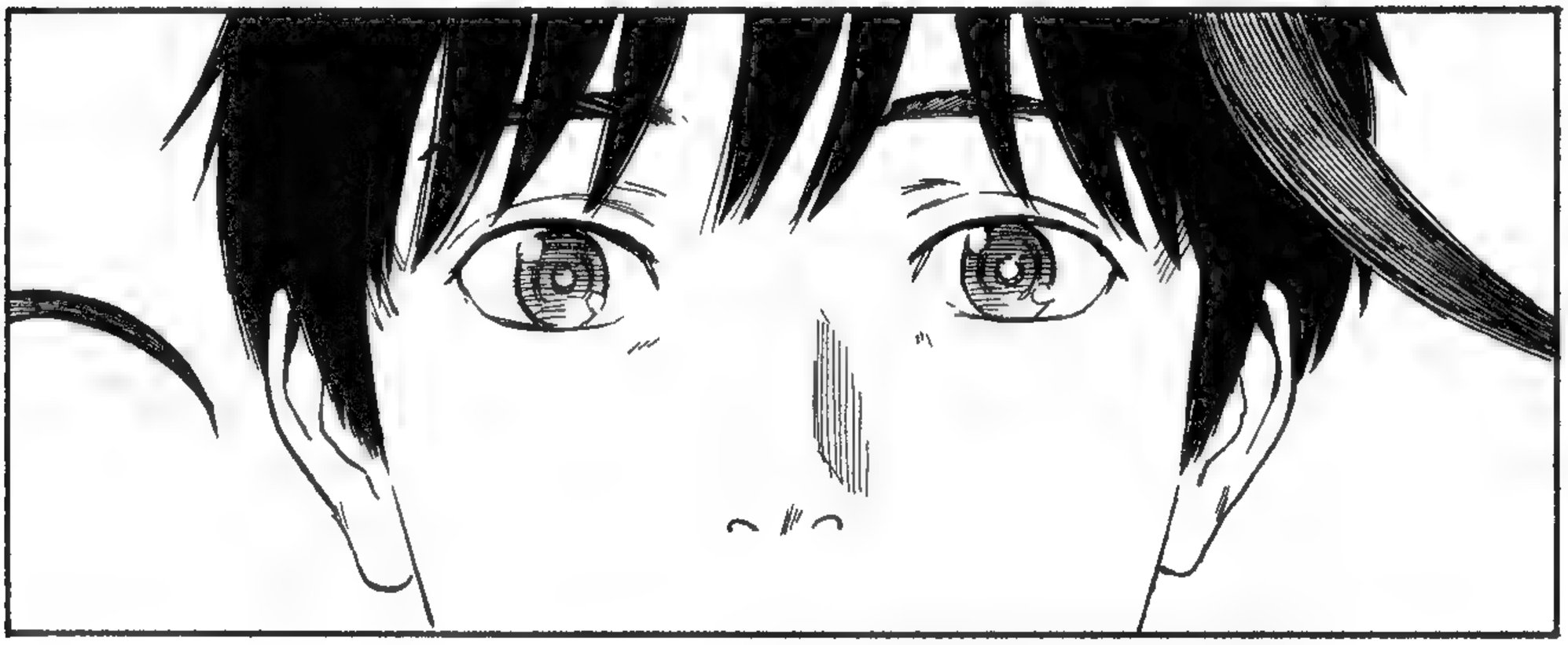

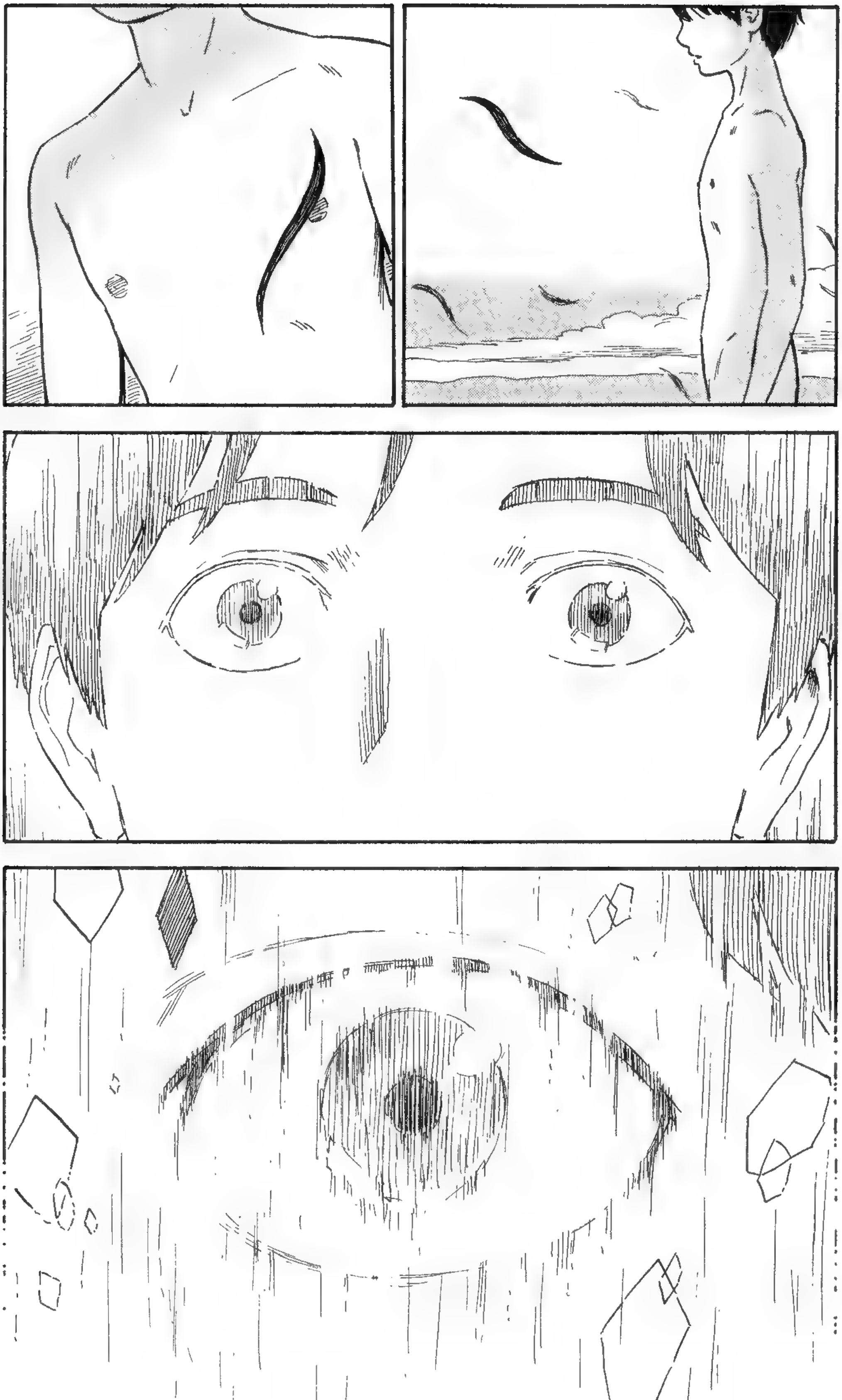

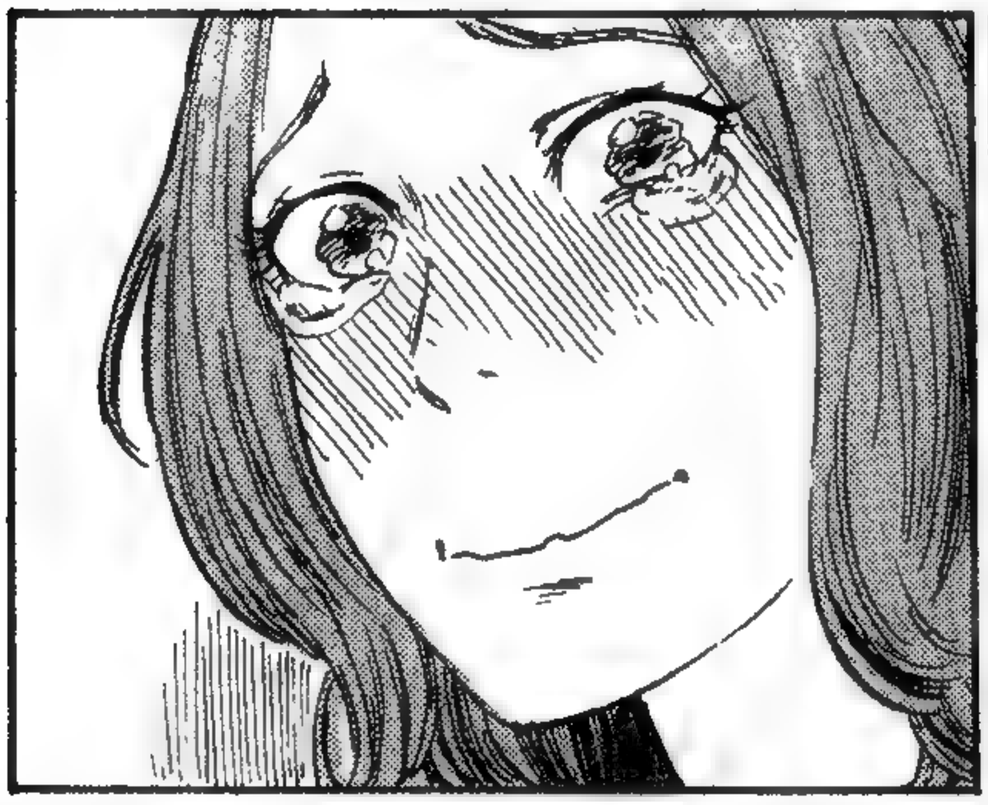

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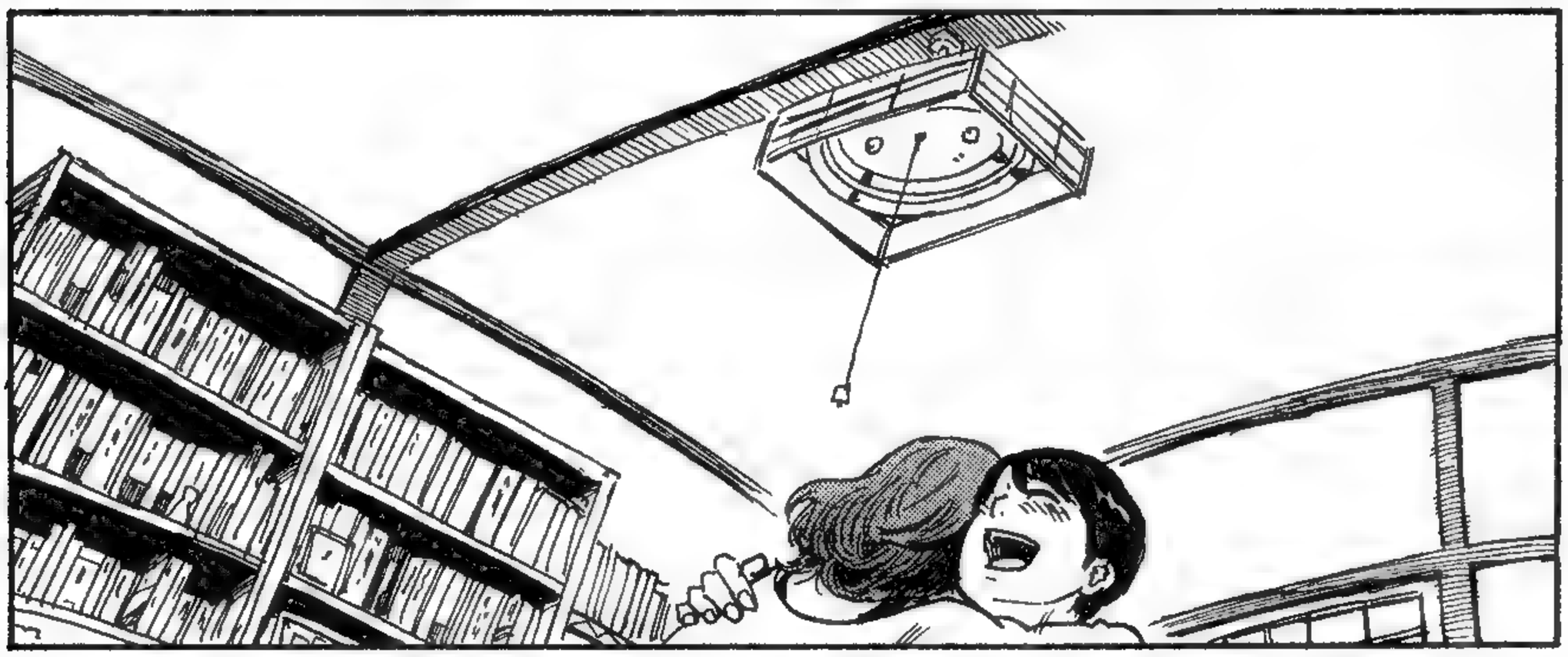
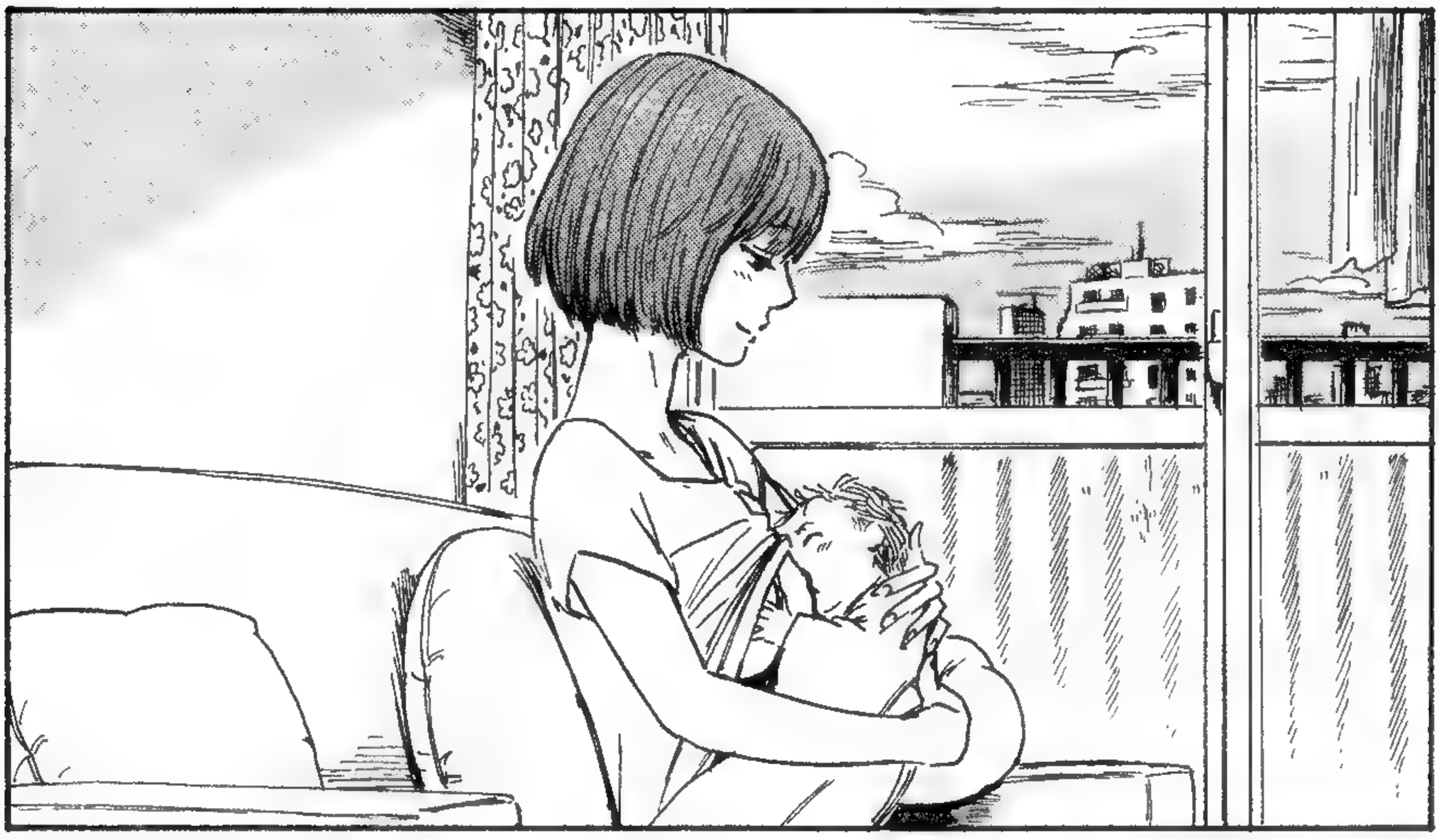
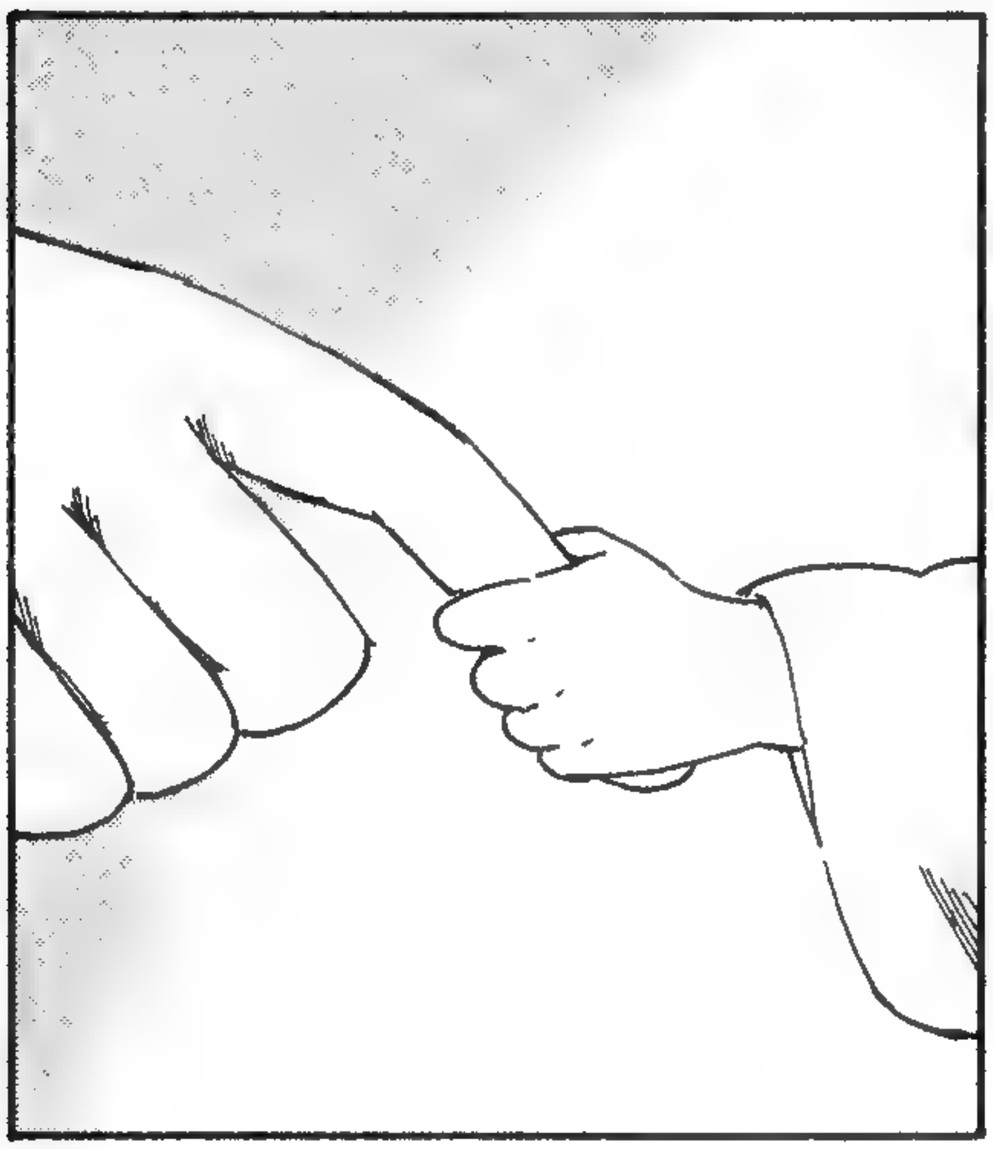
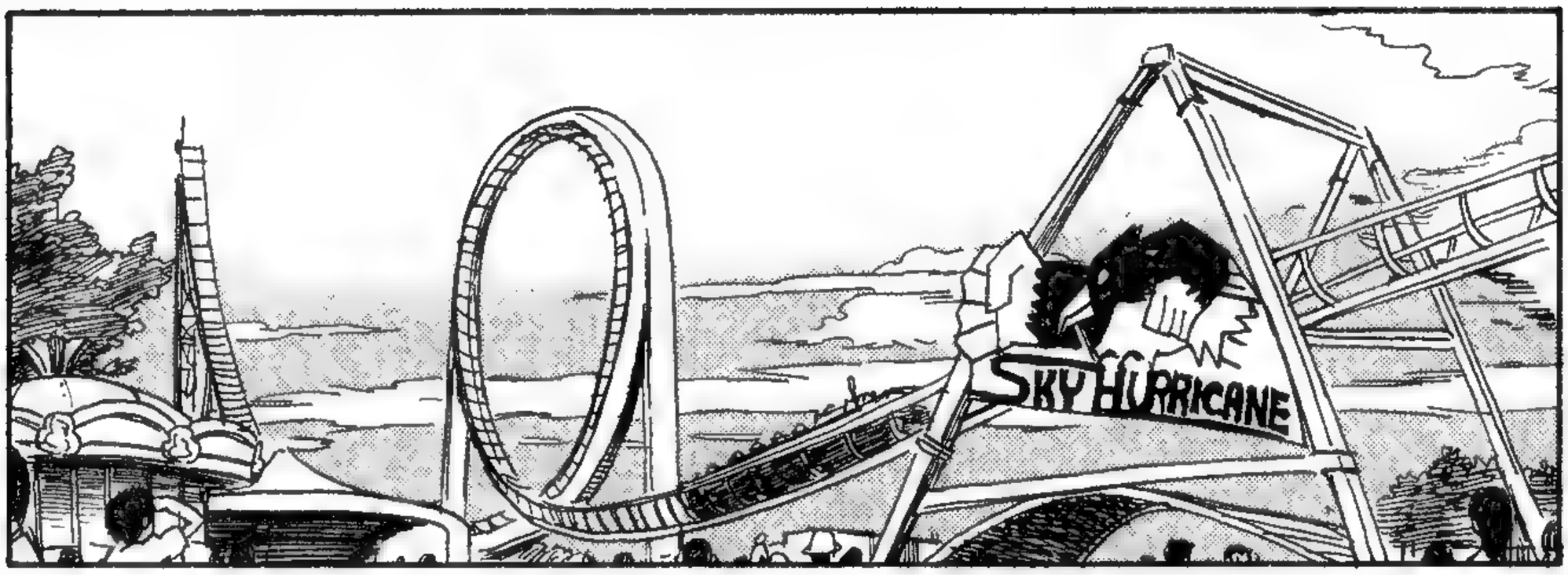


A new horizon of mystery from
a fresh new talent!
Aya Tokiwa



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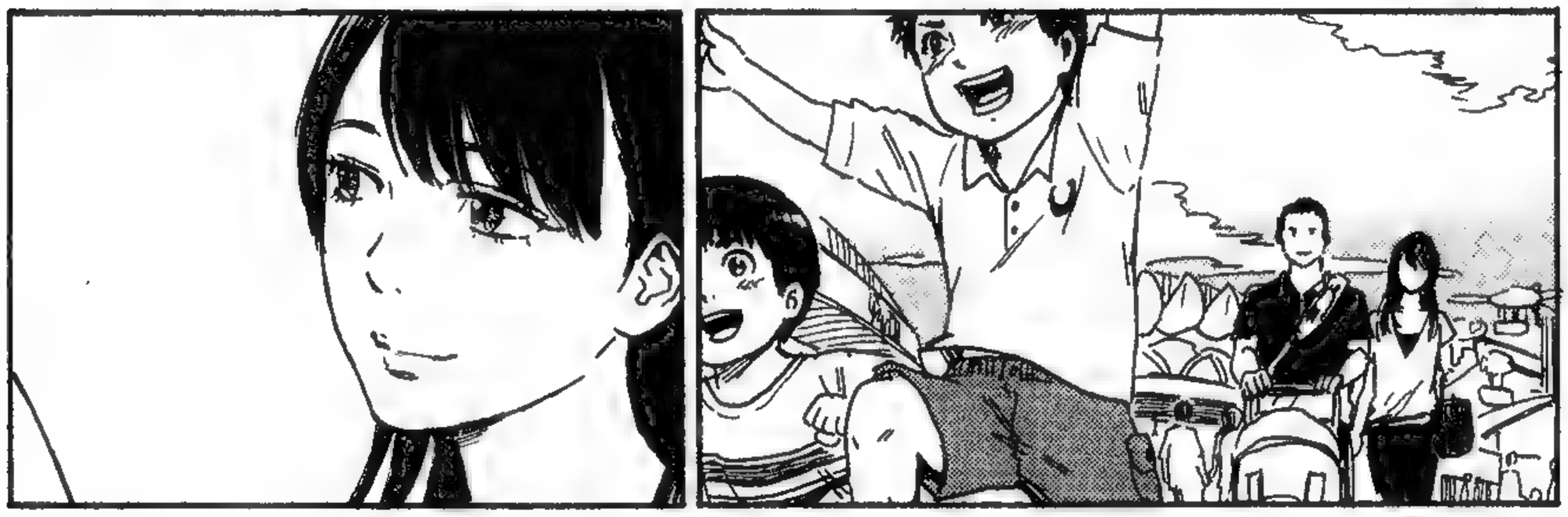
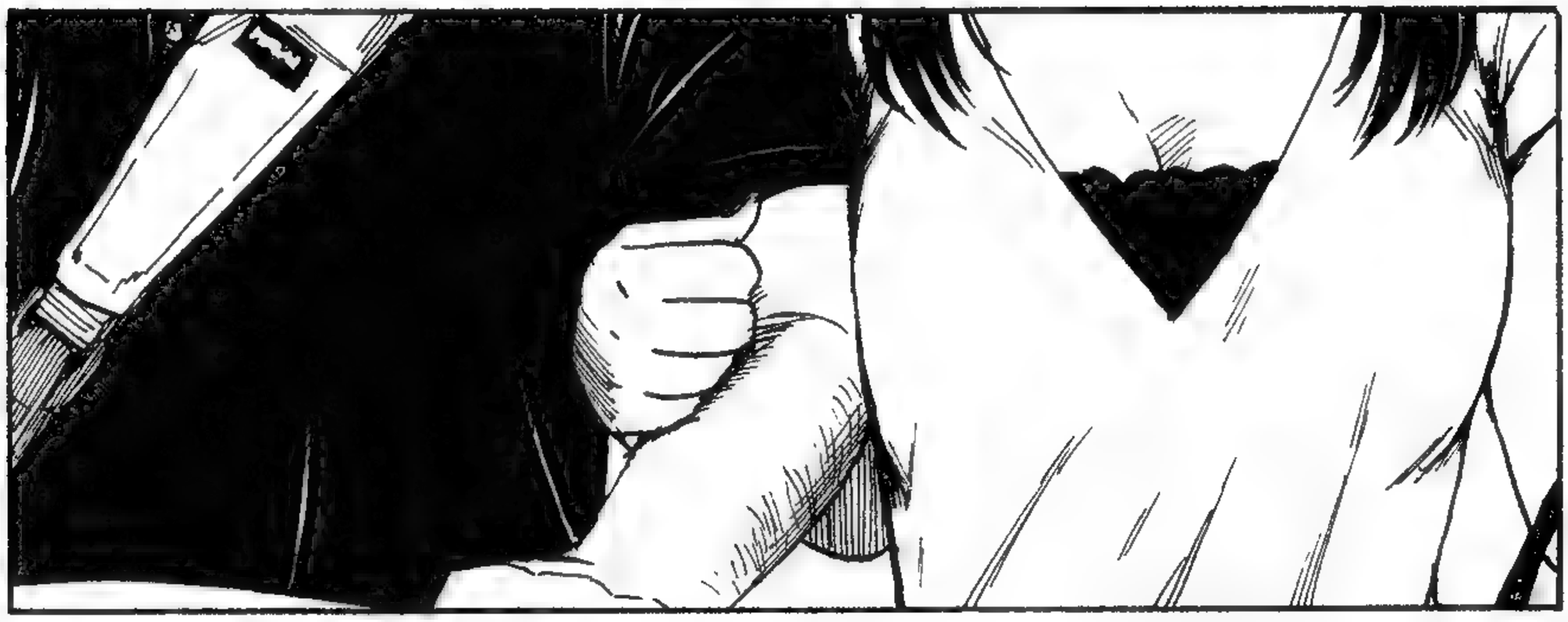
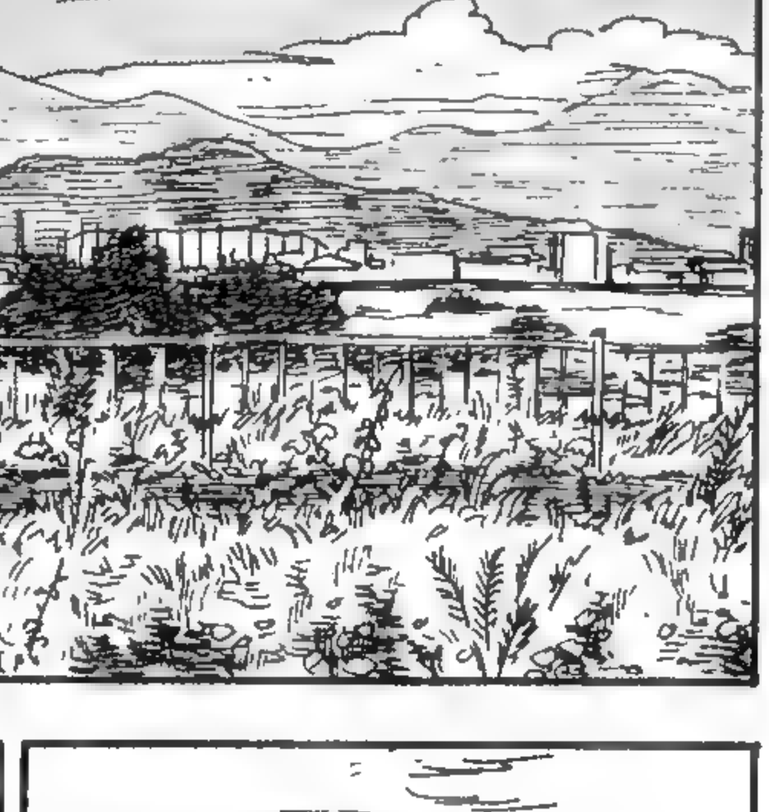
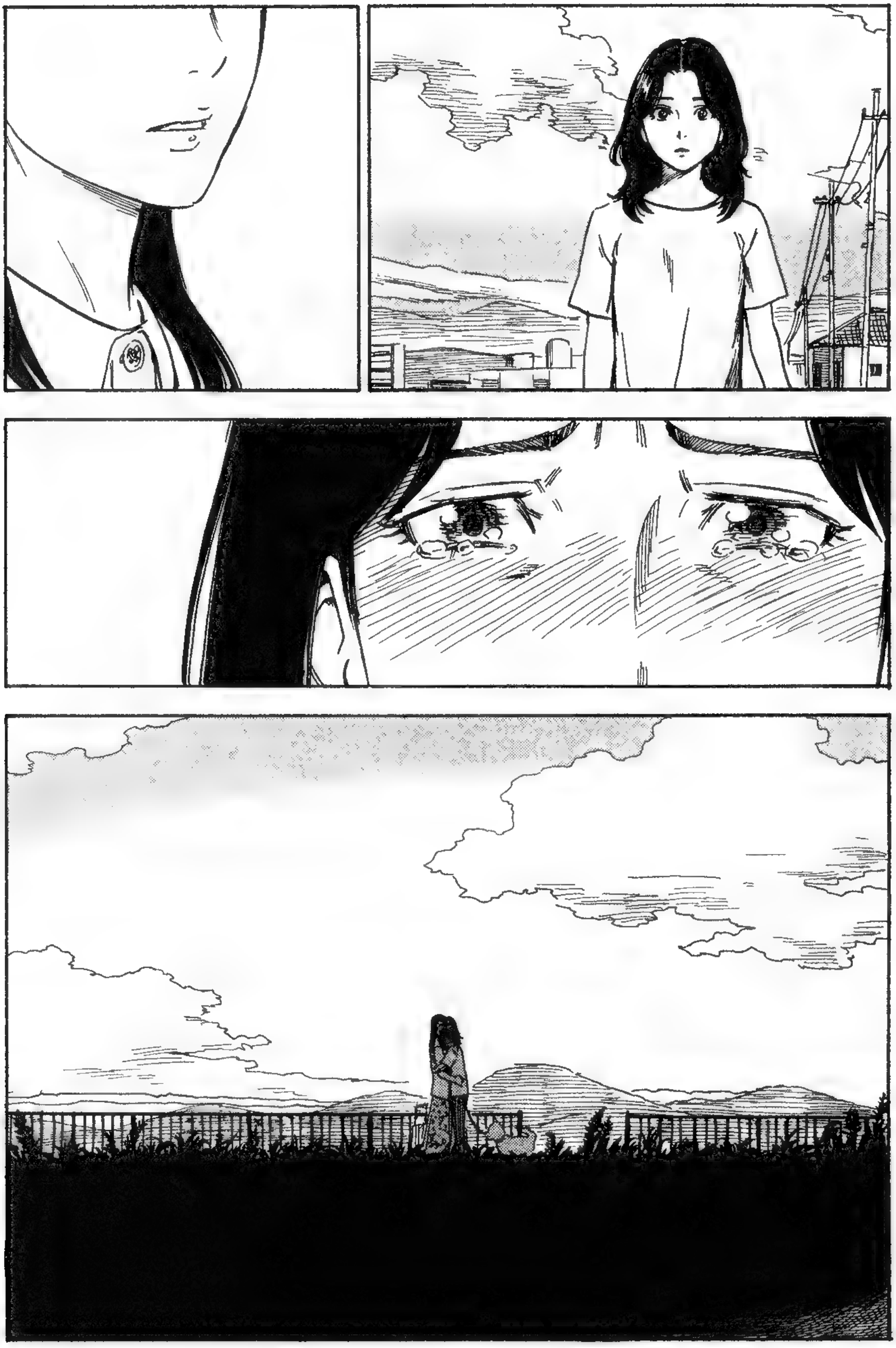
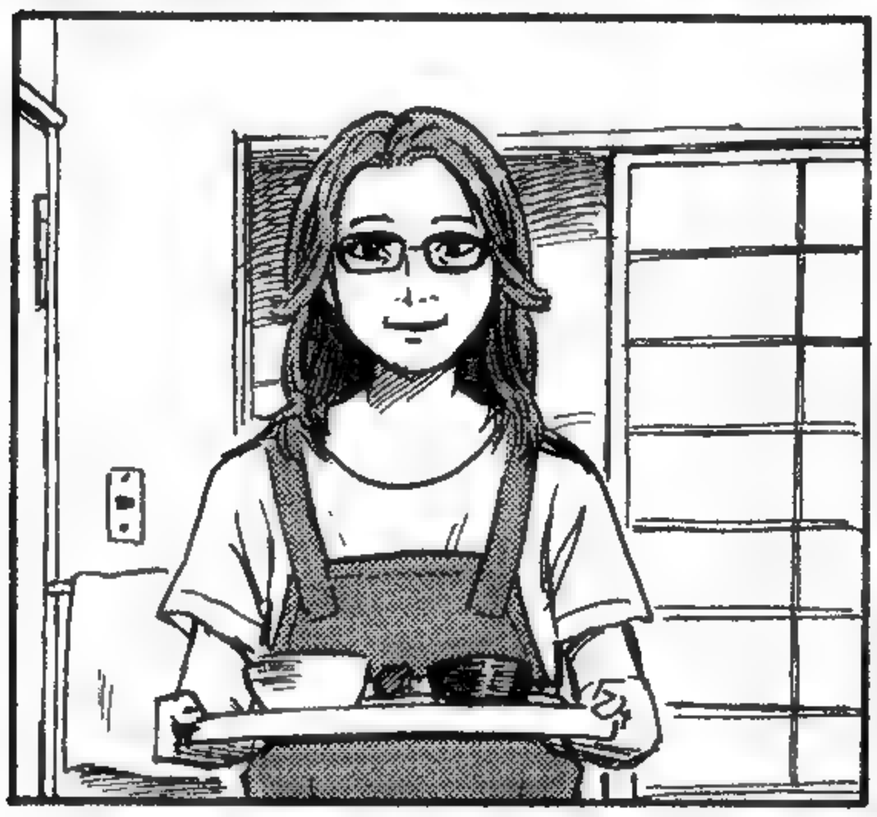
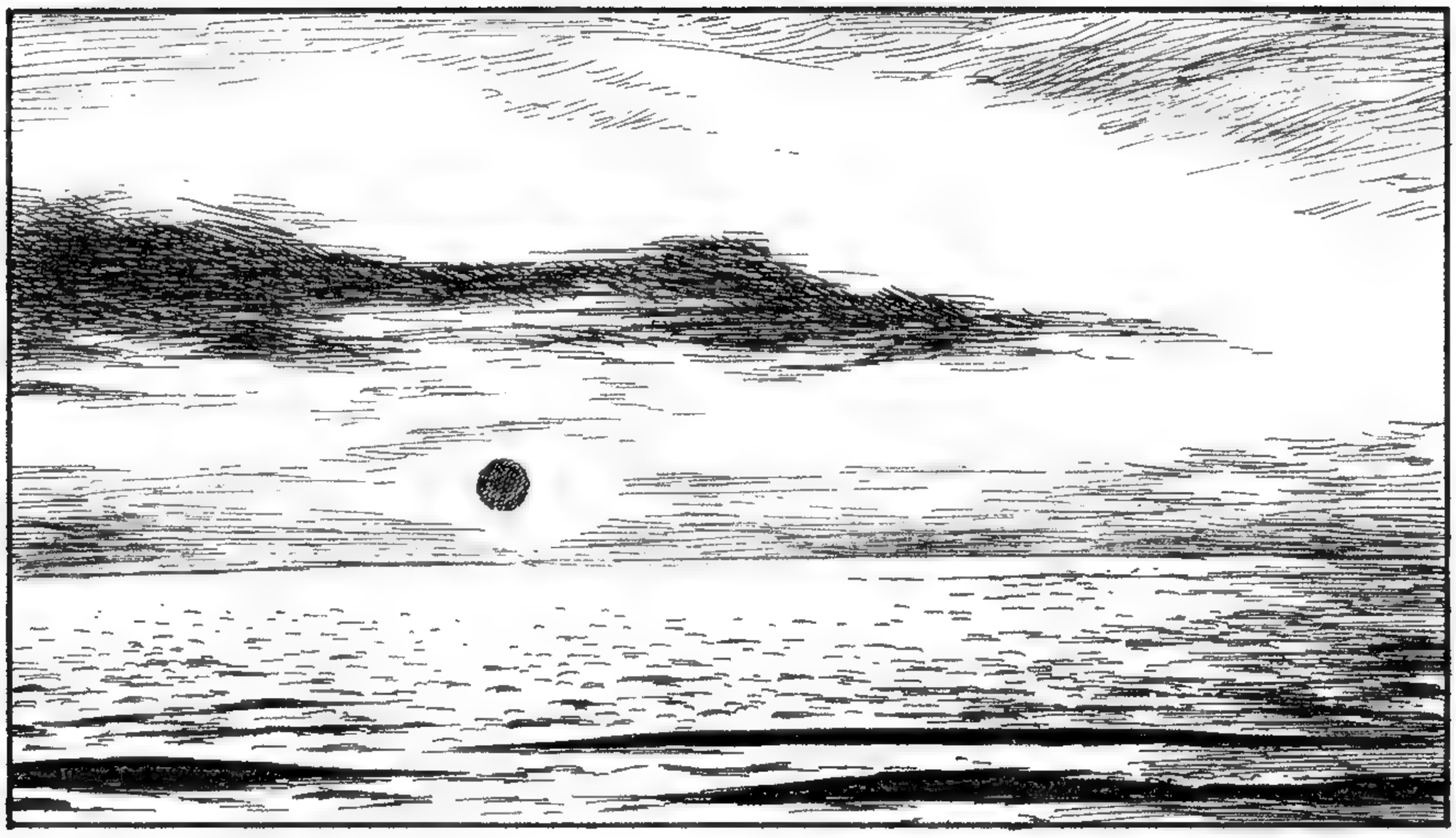




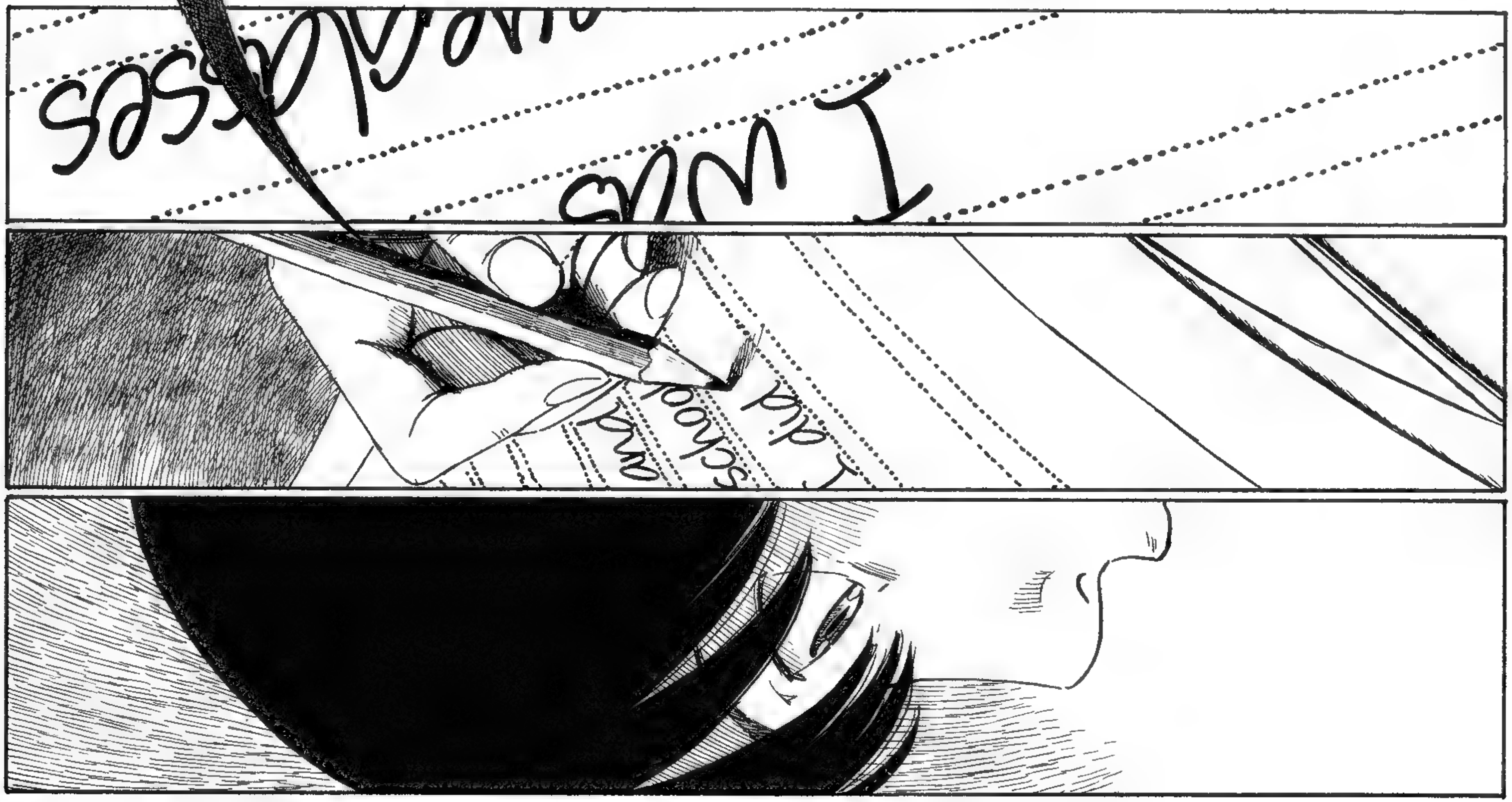


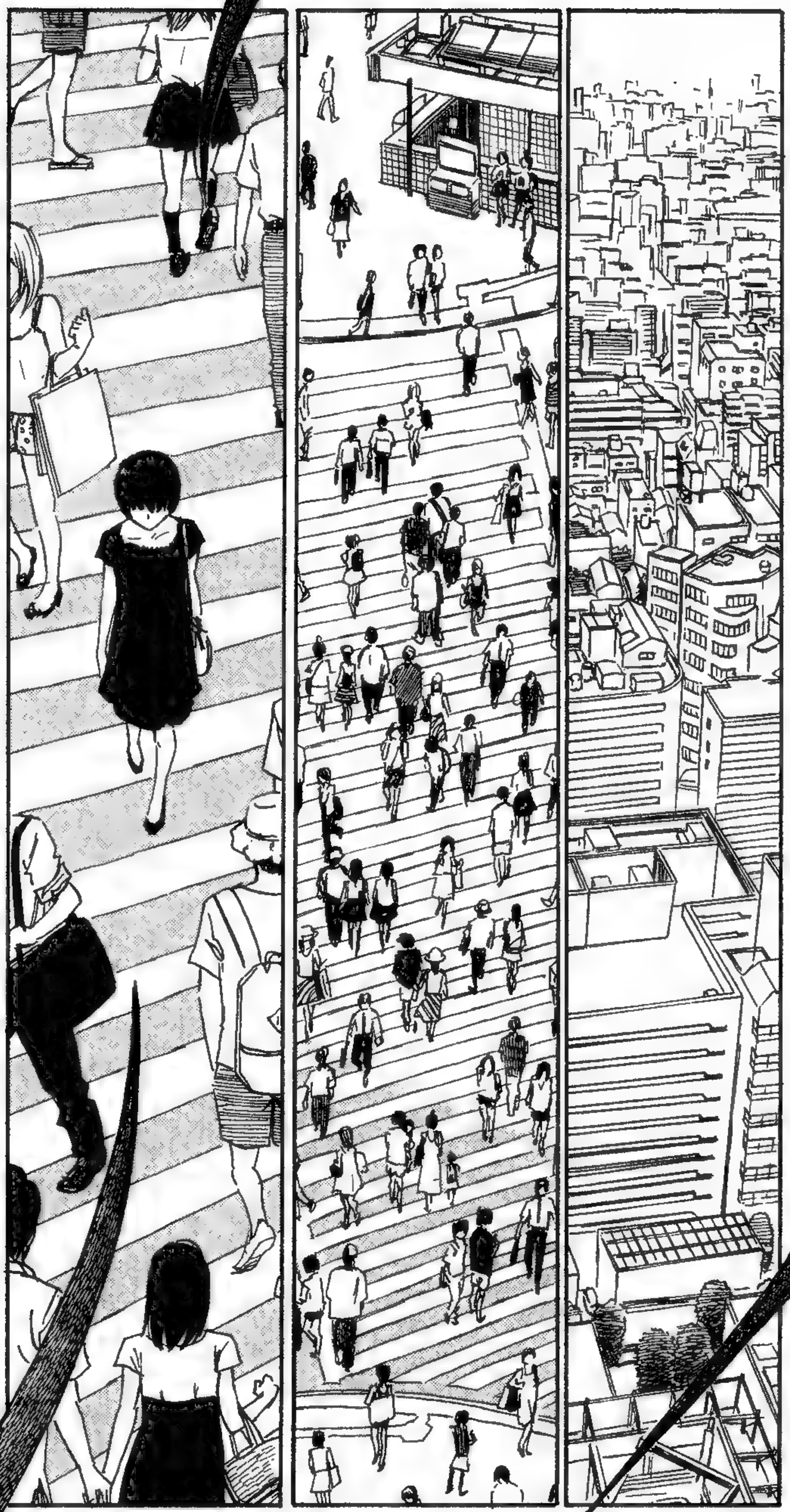


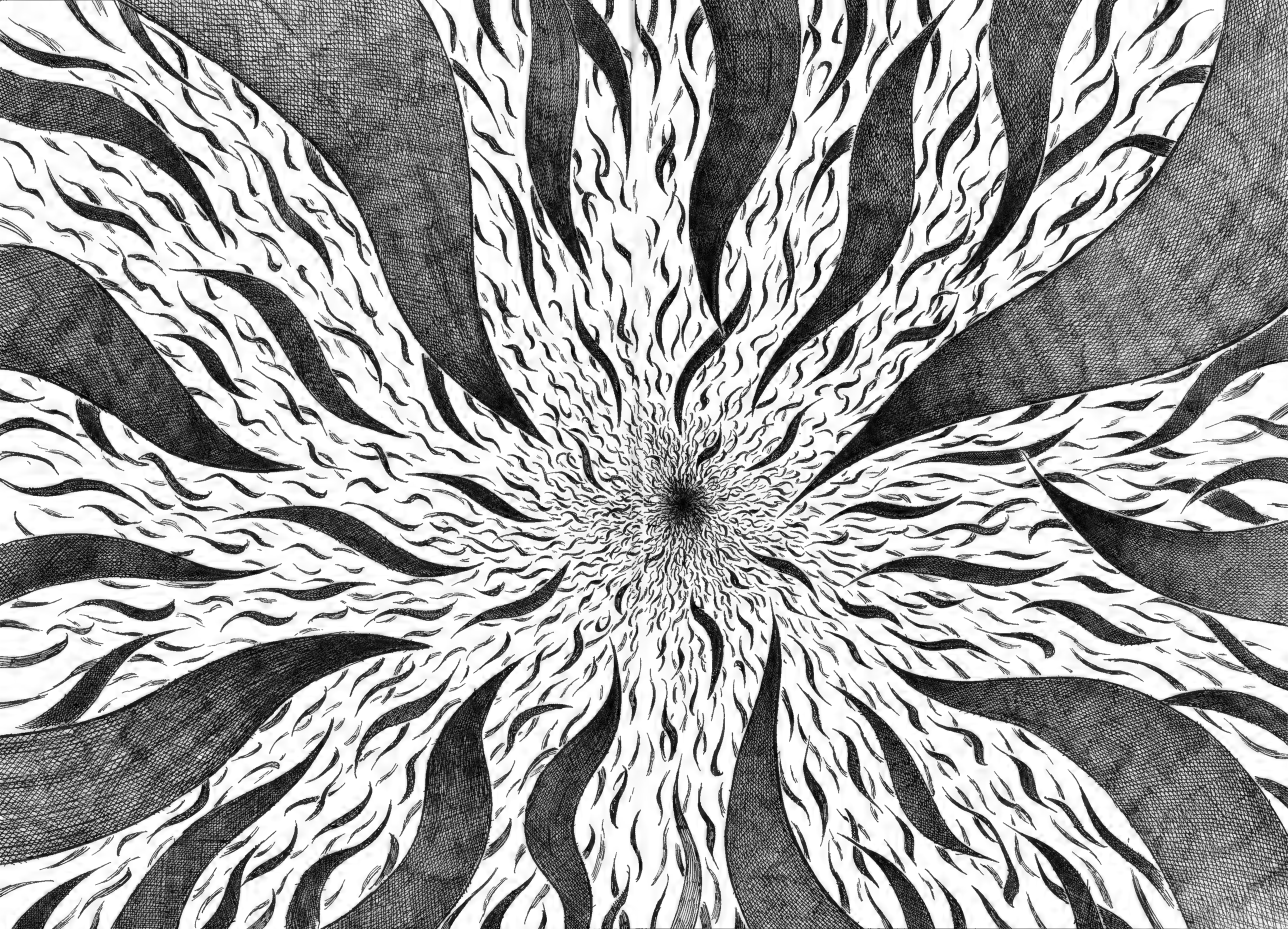


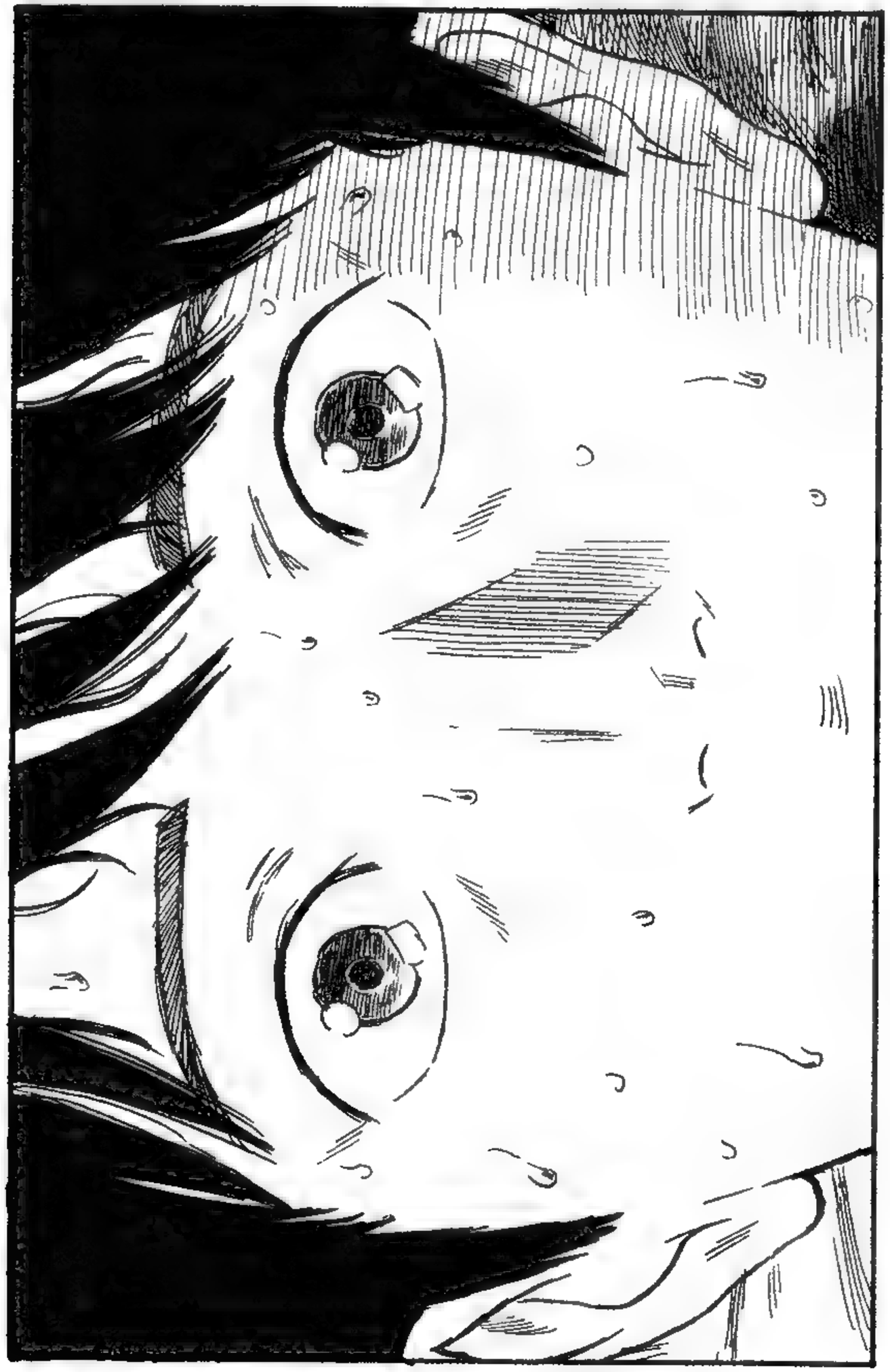


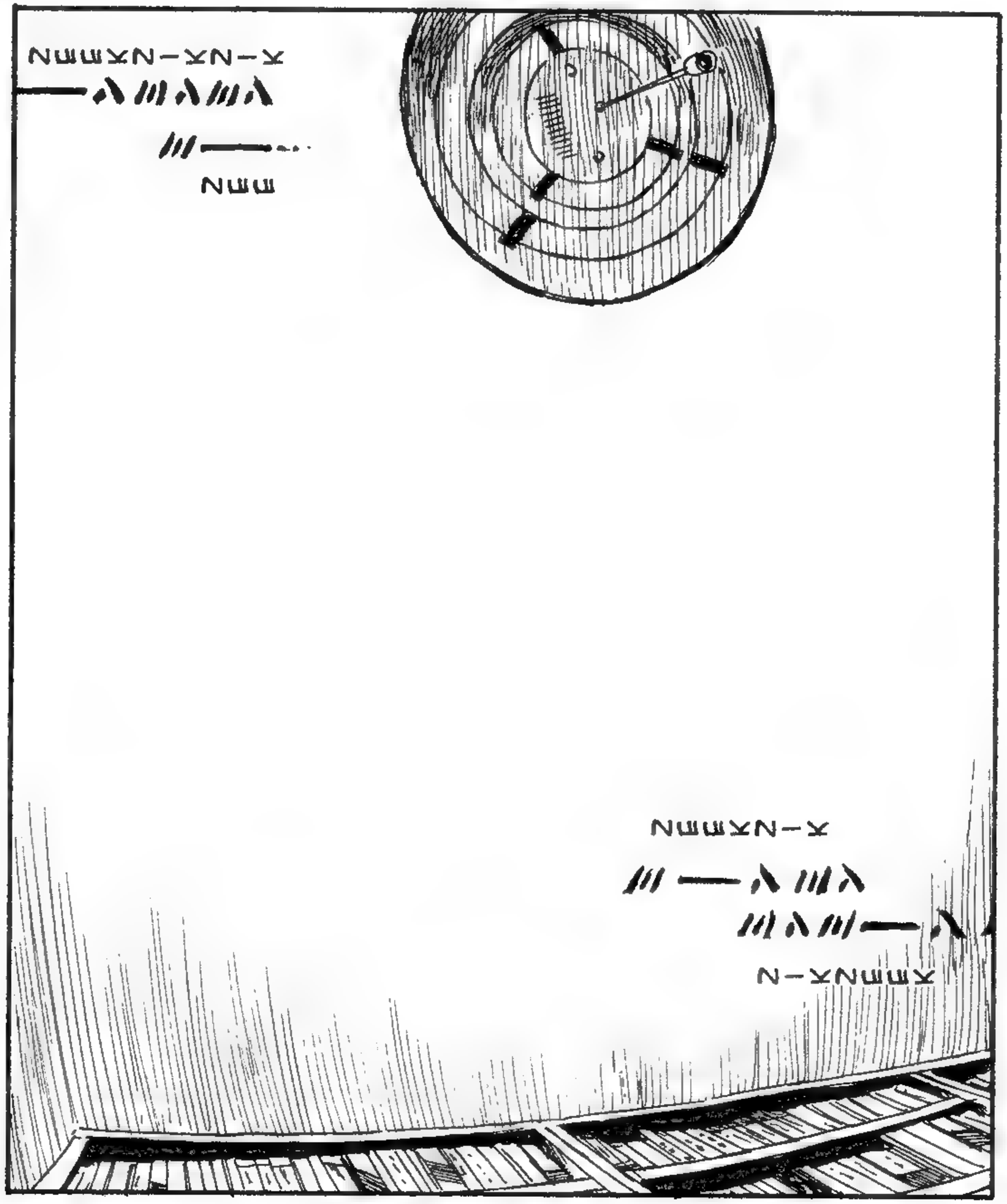
TOKAWA STATION
出札口
TICKET OFFICE

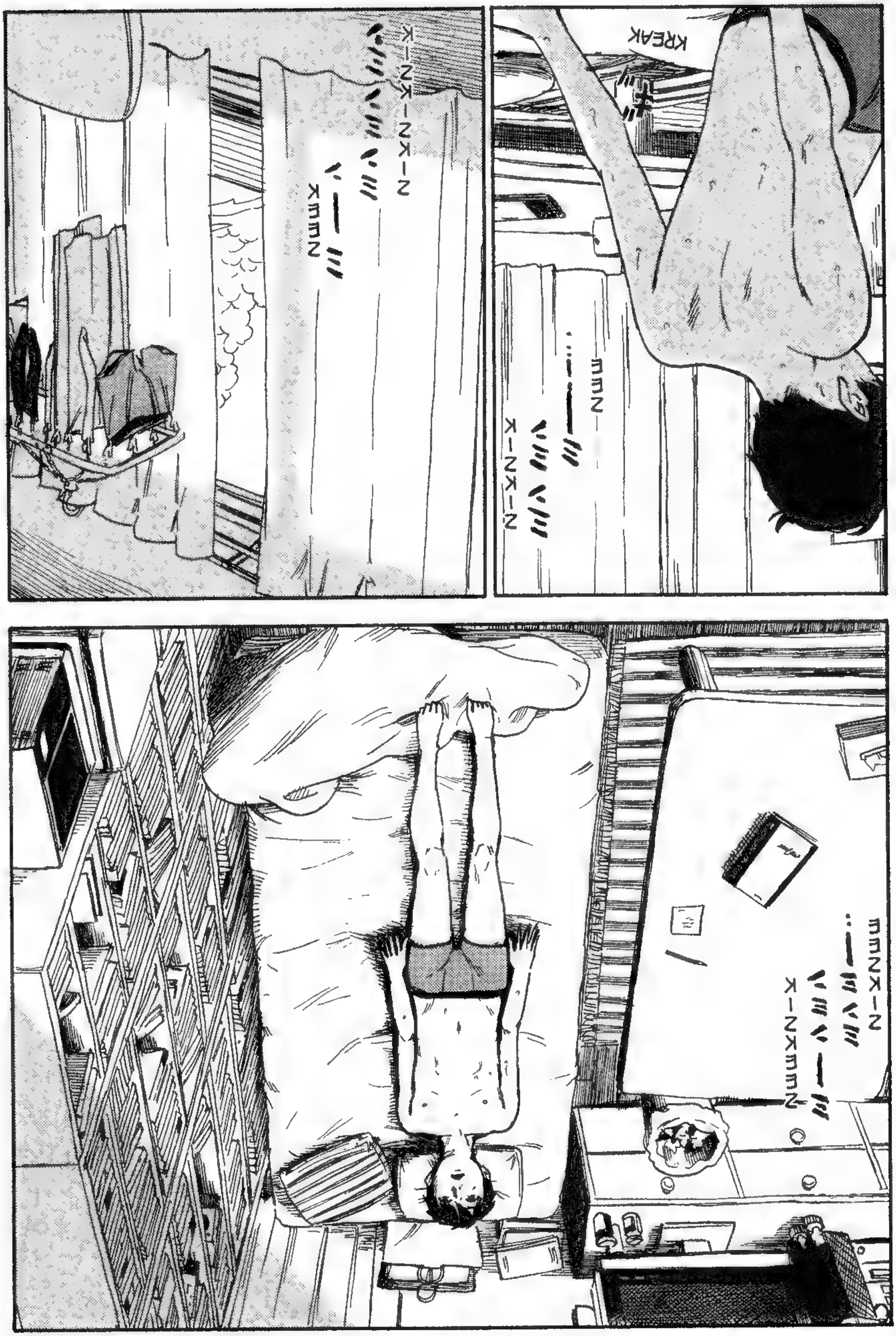

SASSAFRAS
SAM I
Sassafras and Sam I did










KREAK
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ

ZEEKZIK

ZIKZEEKZIK

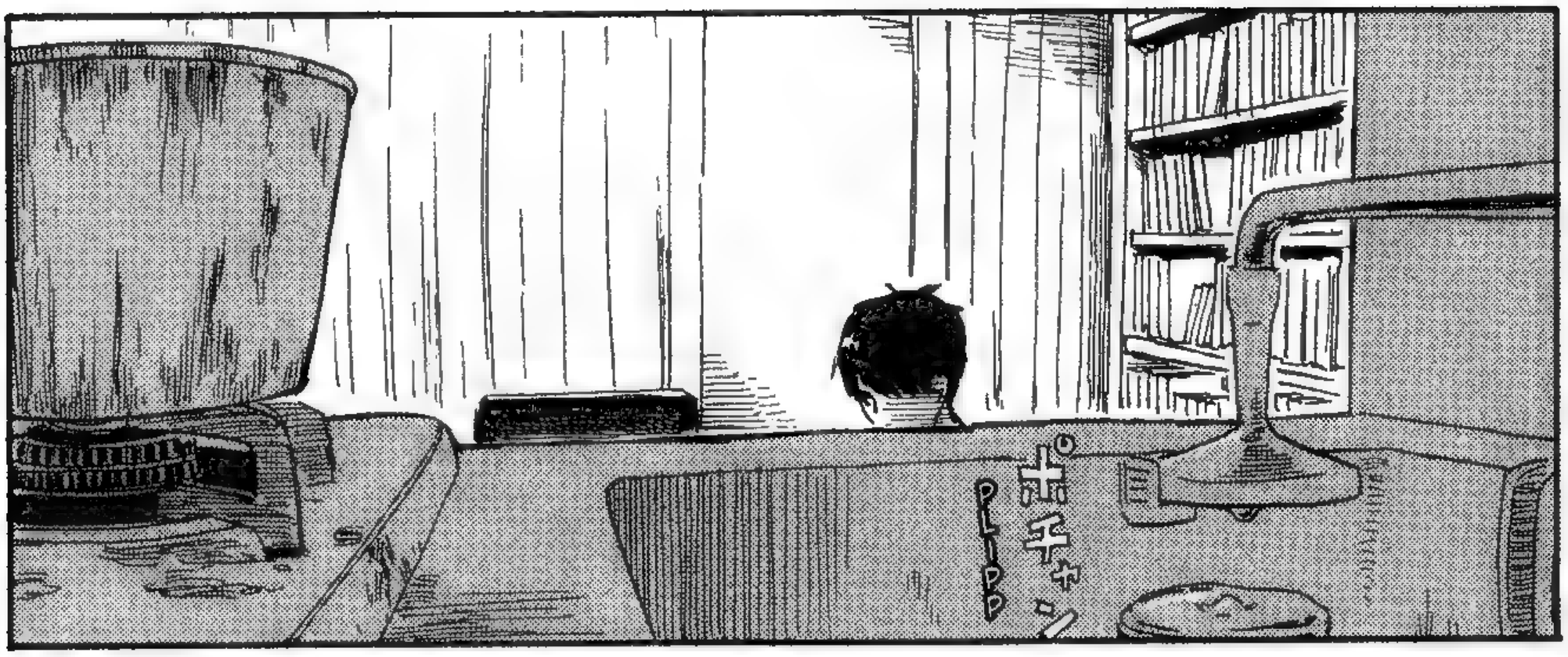
ZEEKZIK

You're sleeping so well I'm taking off without waking you. I'll call you later.

-Aya

ZIKZIKZIK

ZEEKZIK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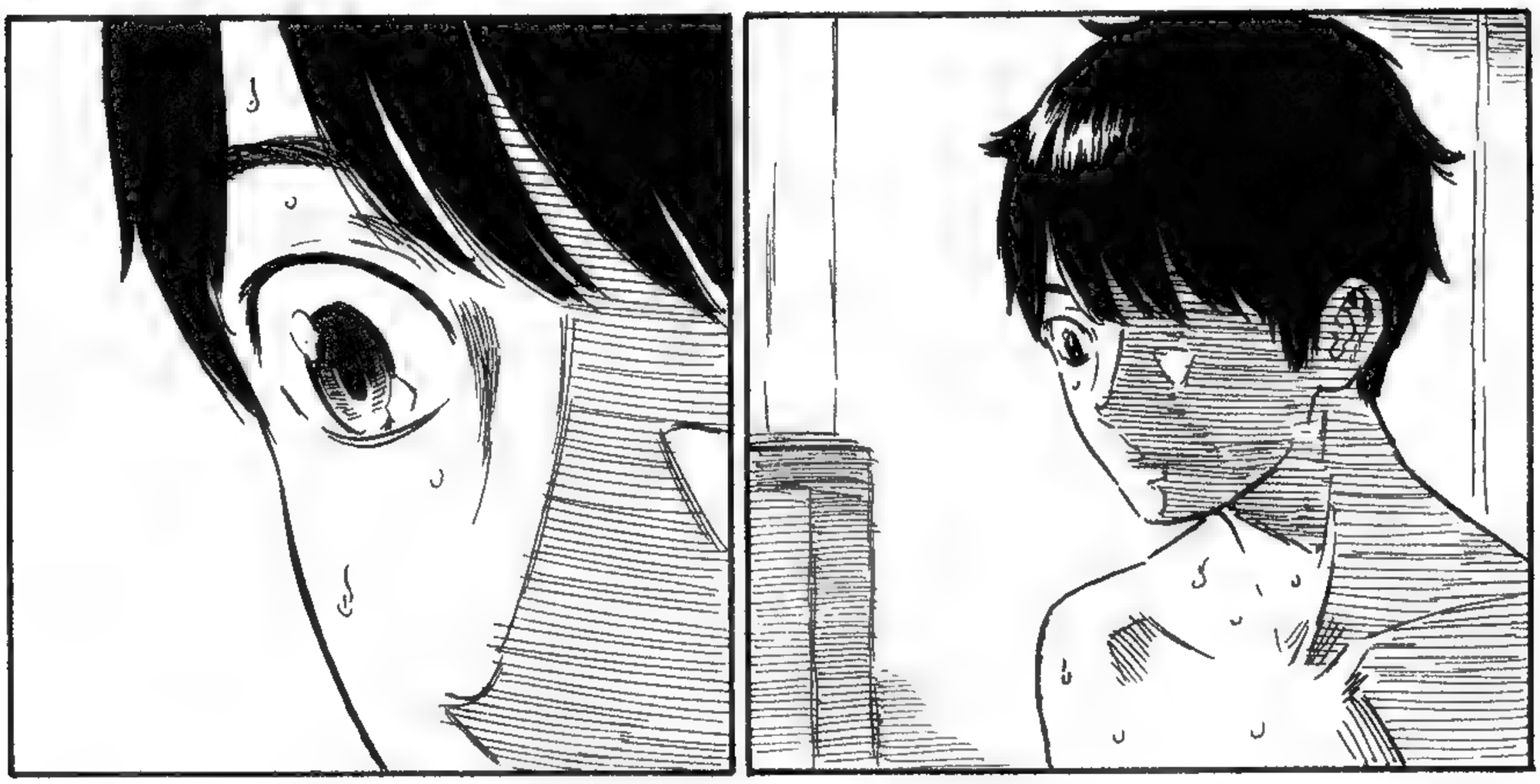
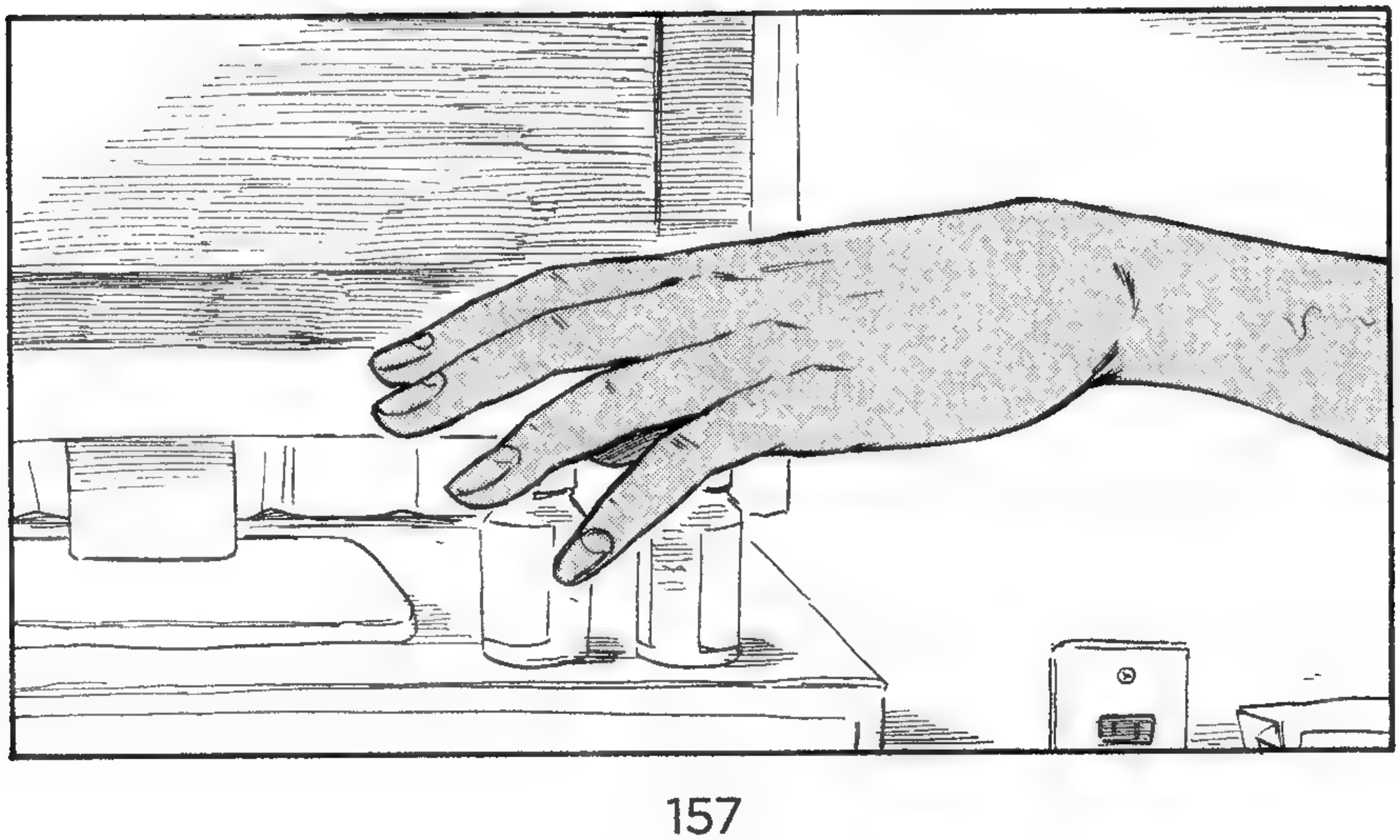
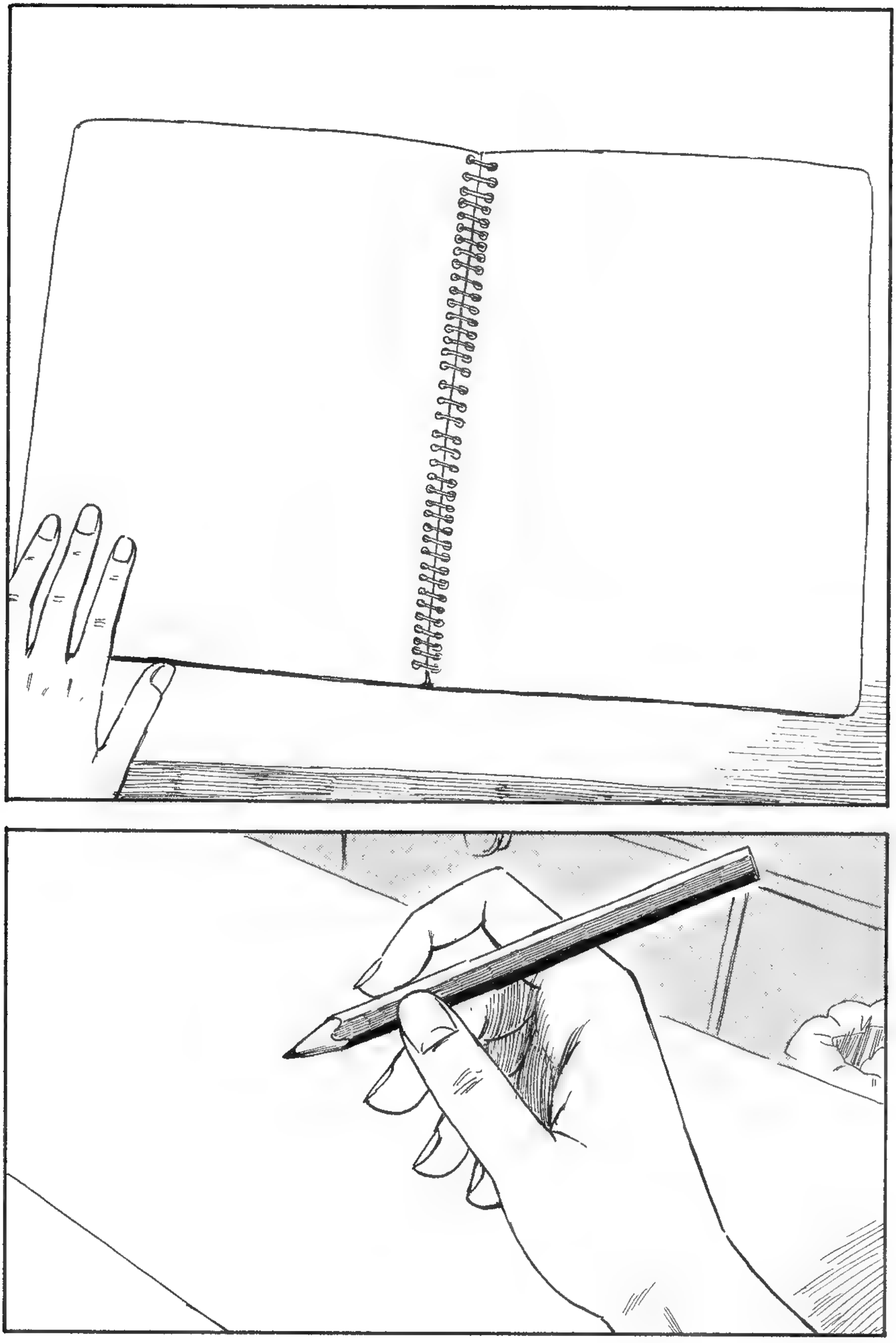
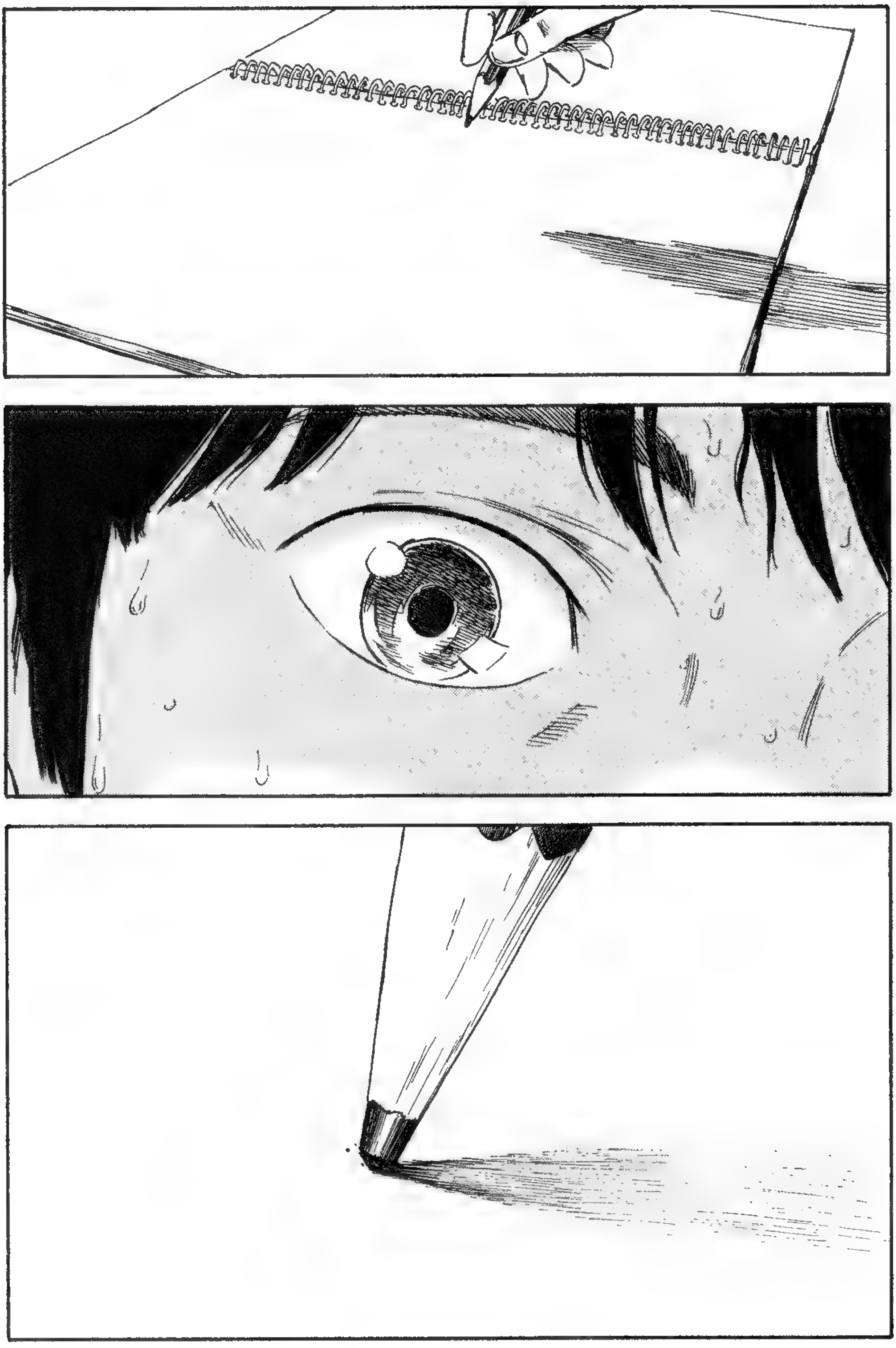
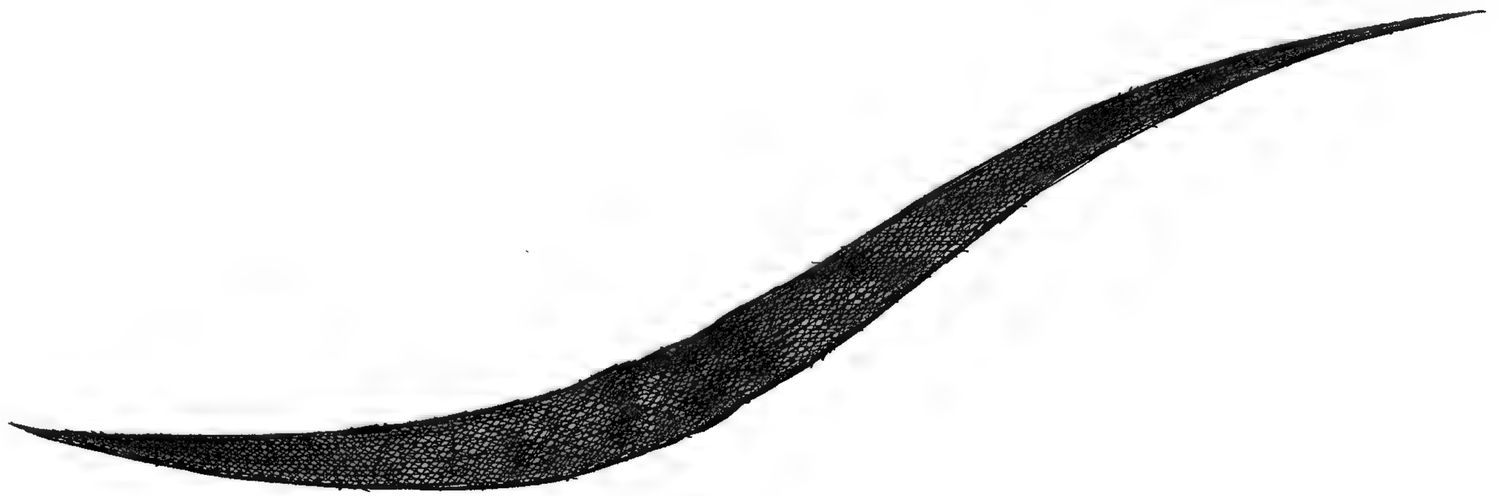
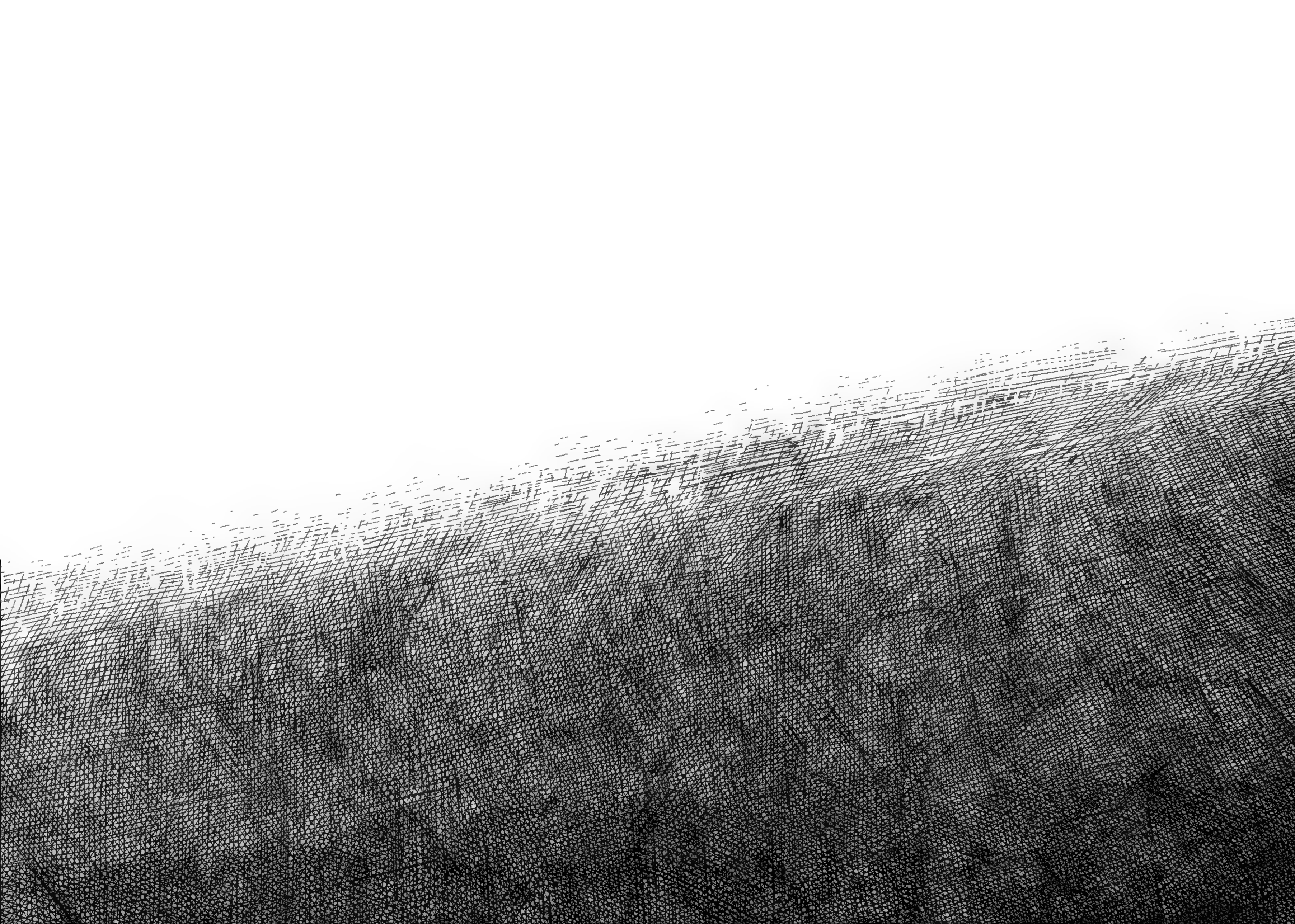












OKAY, I'M GONNA RETURN LAST WEEK'S MATH TEST.

AOKI

HERE.

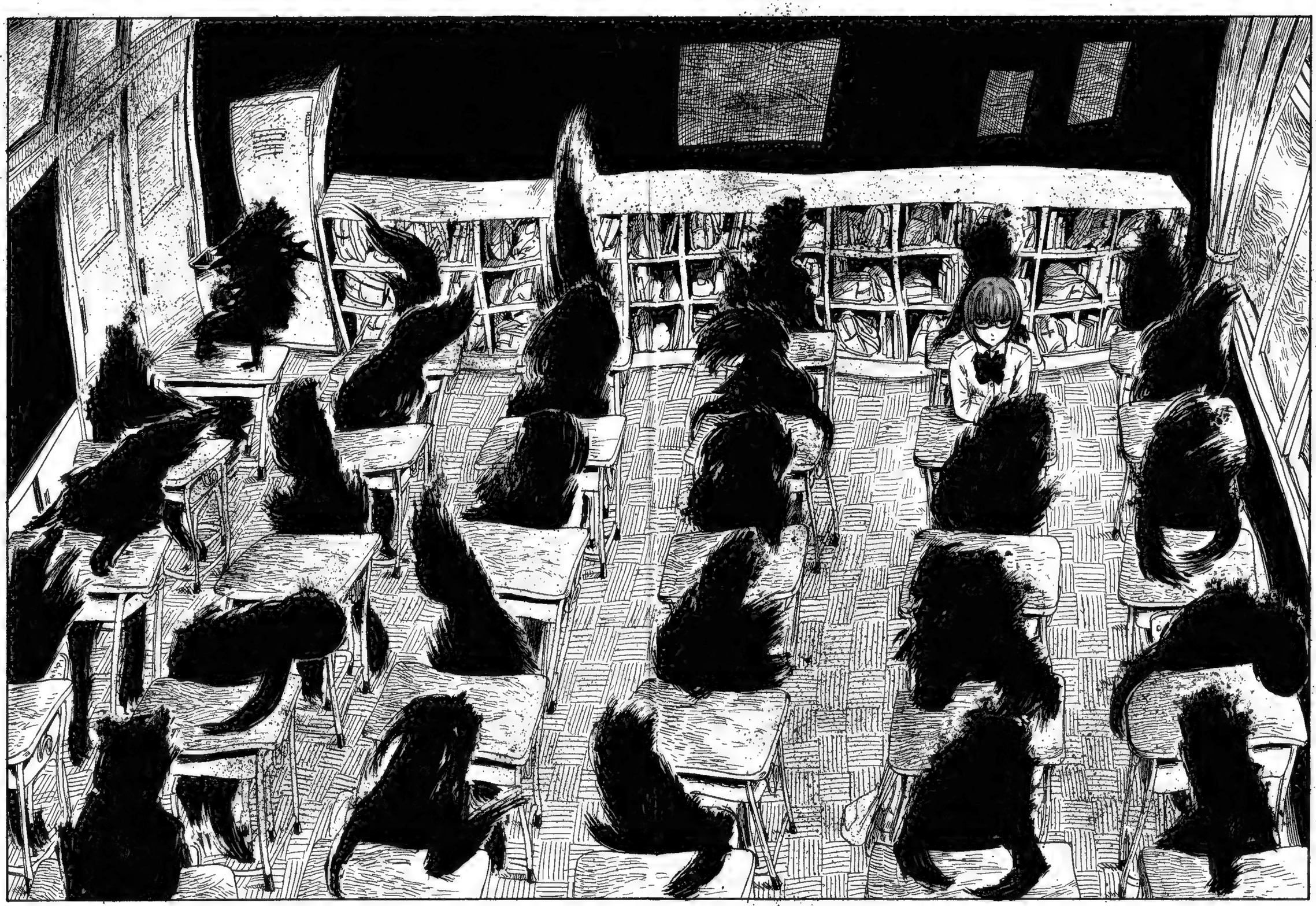
HERE.

UENO

OKUDA

HERE.

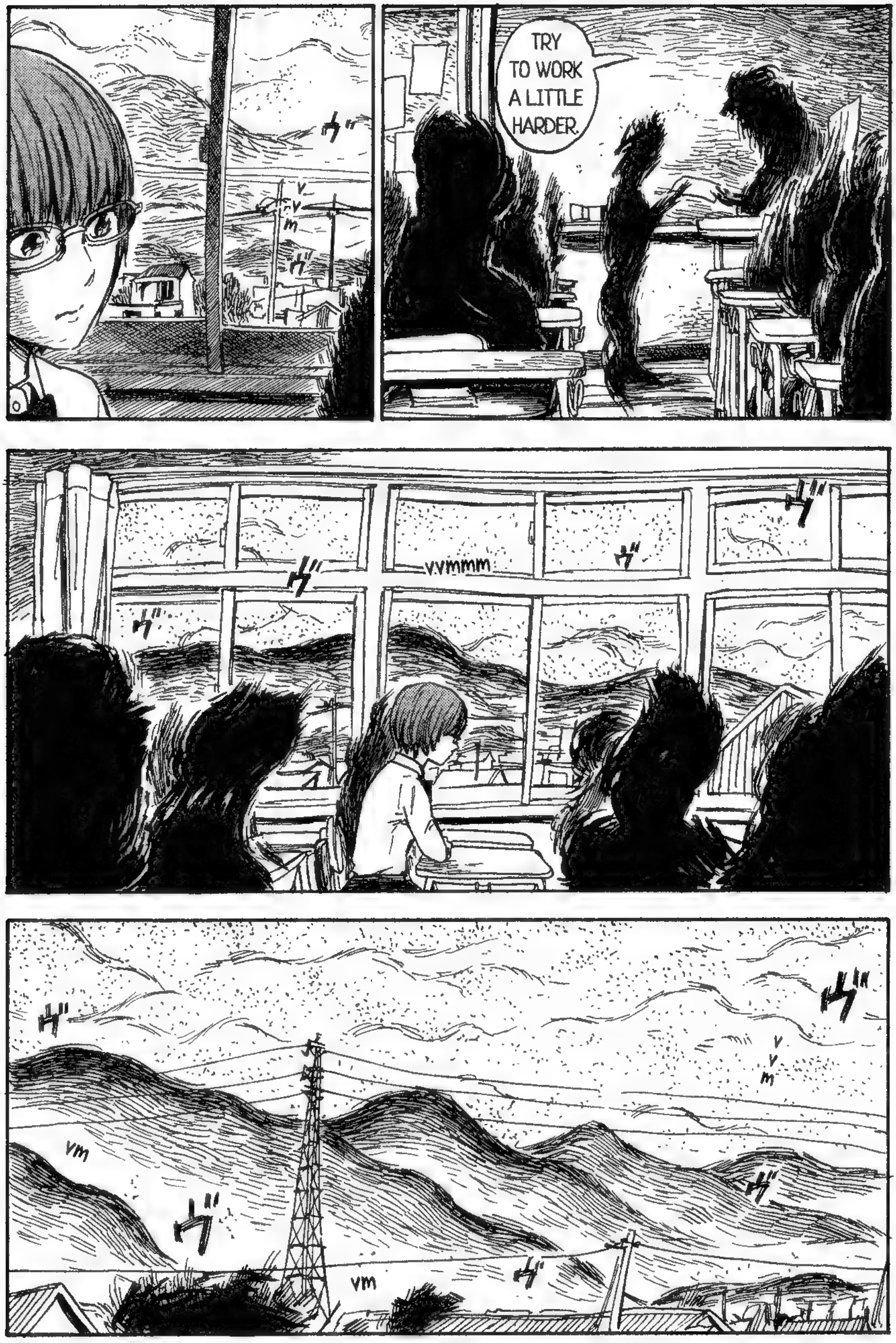
Final Chapter: The Stuff of Our Souls



HERE.

KASU-
GA

CLATTER


TRY TO WORK A LITTLE HARDER.
vvmmm
vm
vm

BEST SCORE IN CLASS!

SAEKI, 98 PERCENT!

98

amazing!

WELL DONE, INDEED!

whoah

YOU'RE AMAZING, NANAKO!

...NA-KAMU-RA.

z" z" TRUDGE

CLATT

OH ...

HERE.

HEY!

NAKA-MURA, ZERO!

WORST SCORE IN CLASS!

RESPOND WHEN YOU'RE CALLED!

WHAT'S YOUR EXPLA-NATION ?

YOU LEFT THE ENTIRE TEST BLANK!

SPLAT

YOU THINK YOU vvm IN THE vvm REA vvm L vvmm

SAY SOME-THING !

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

vvm

SHUT UP,

YOU SHITBUG.

TO YOUR TEACHER, WILL YOU?!

TALK LIKE THAT

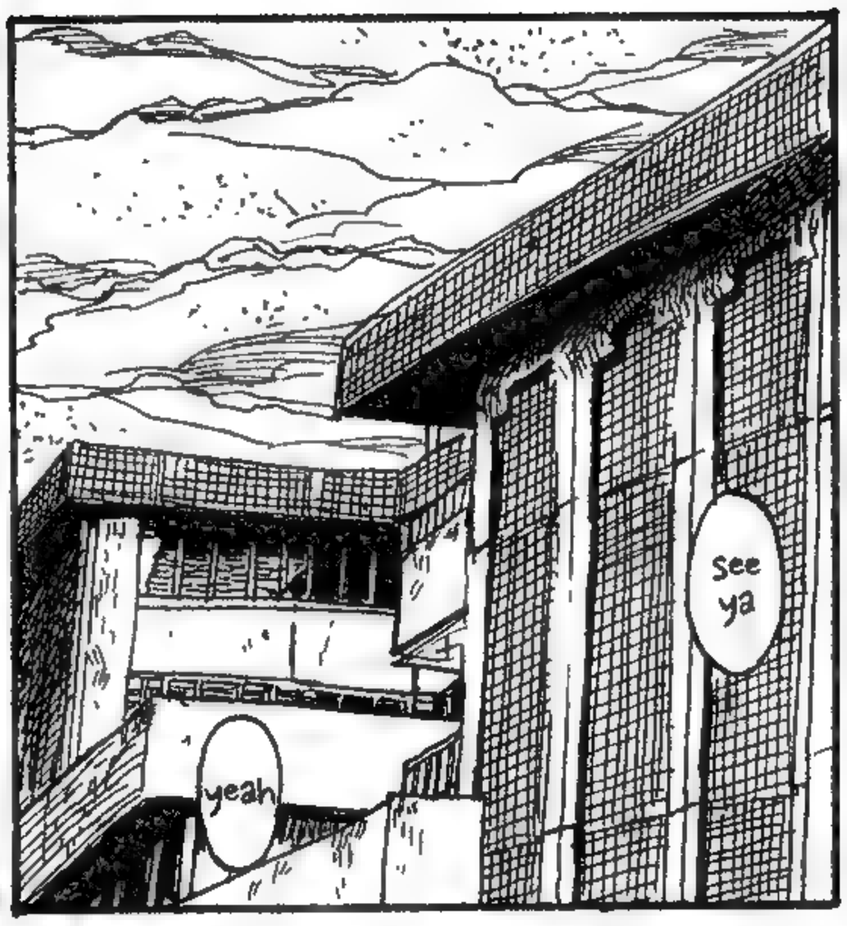
SH-

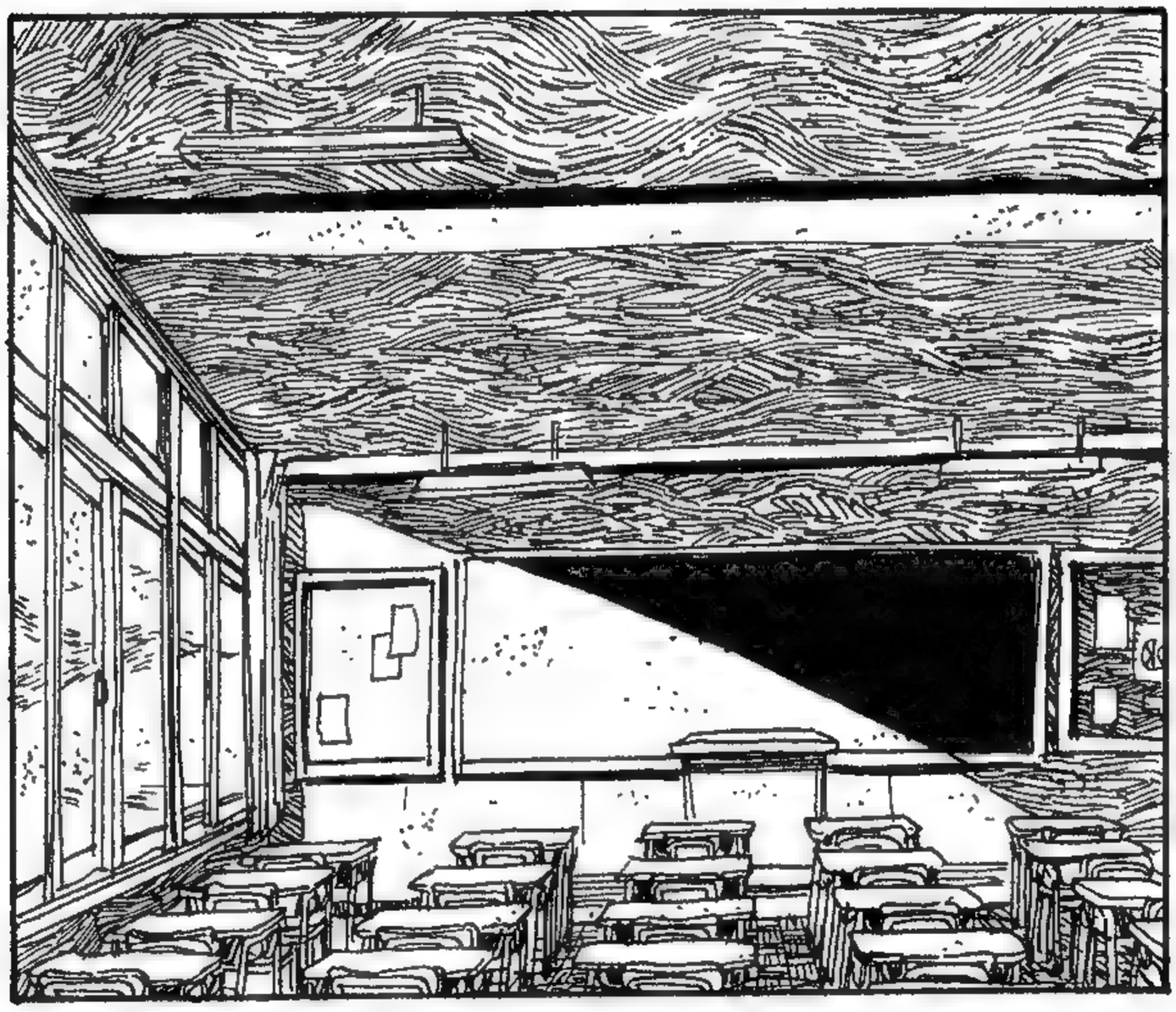
THE OFFICE AFTER SCHOOL !

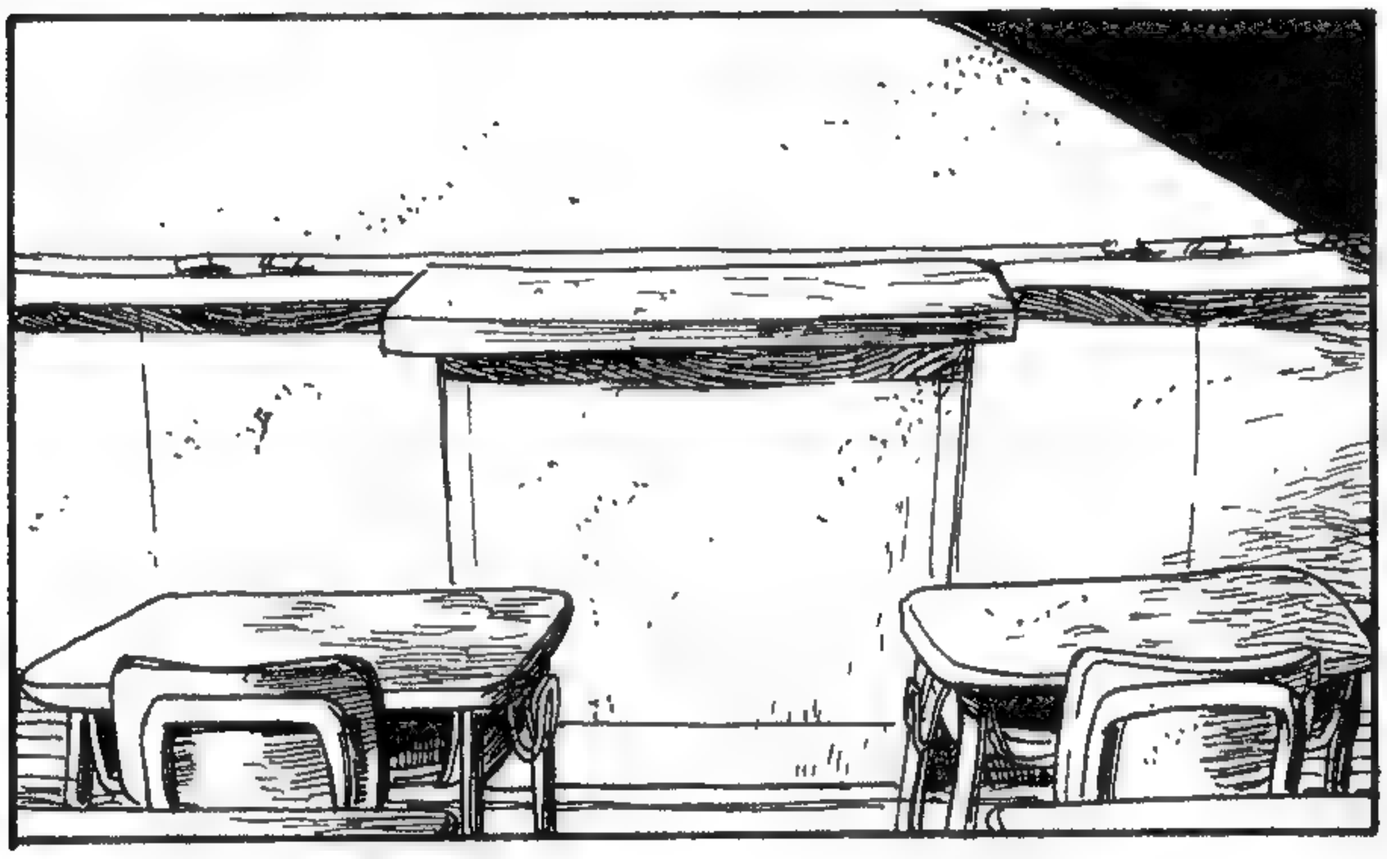
... COME TO

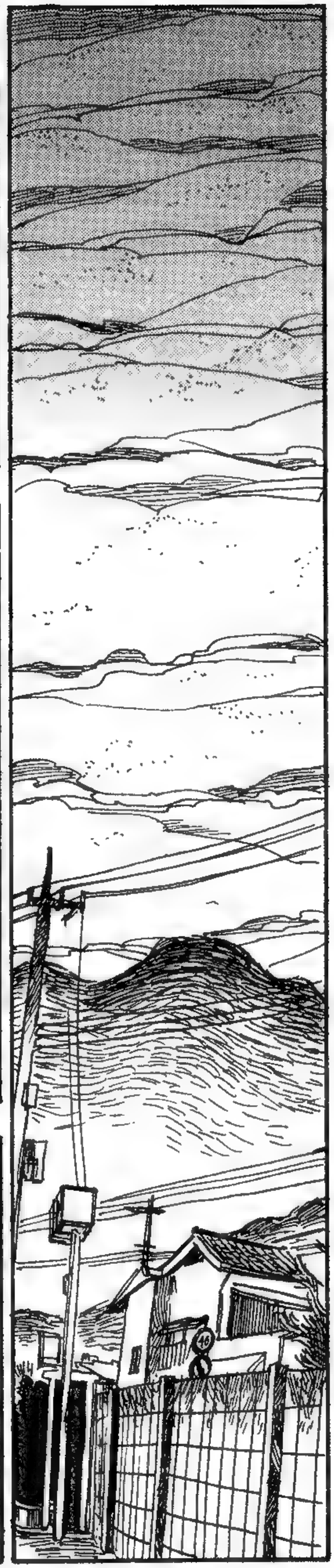
NEXT! MURA-OKA!

ガァ
CAW
ガァ
CAW


yeah
see ya



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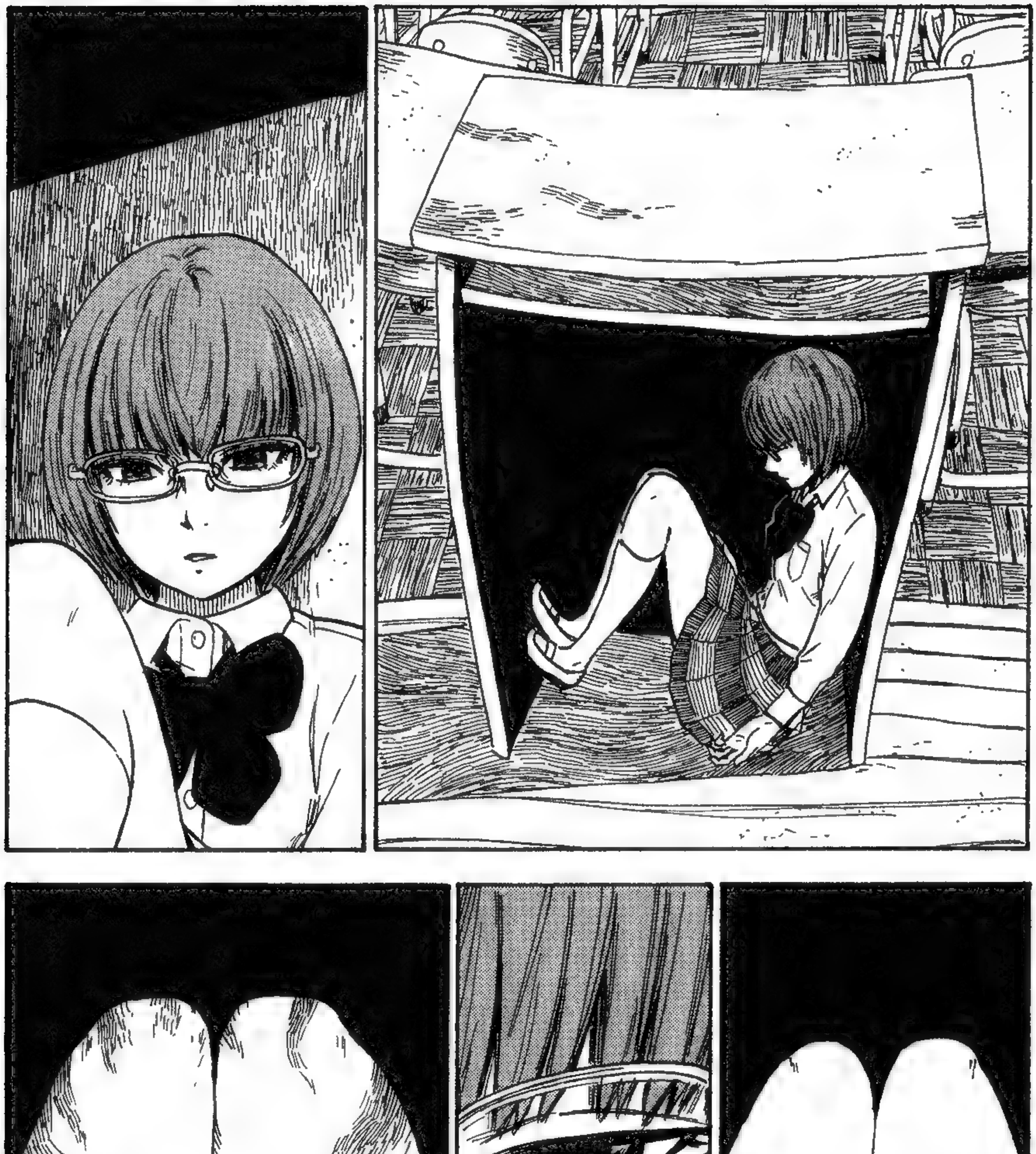
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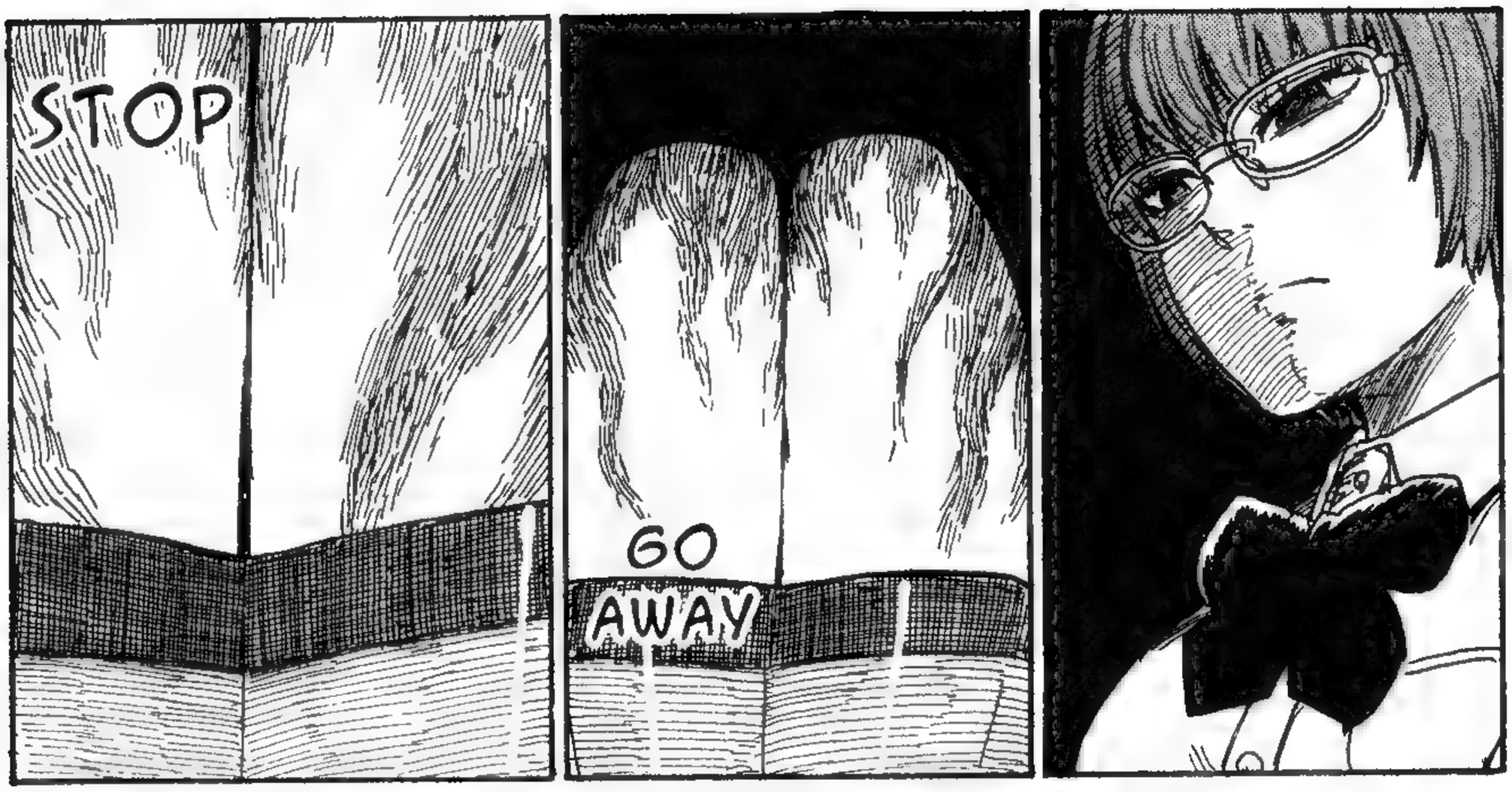
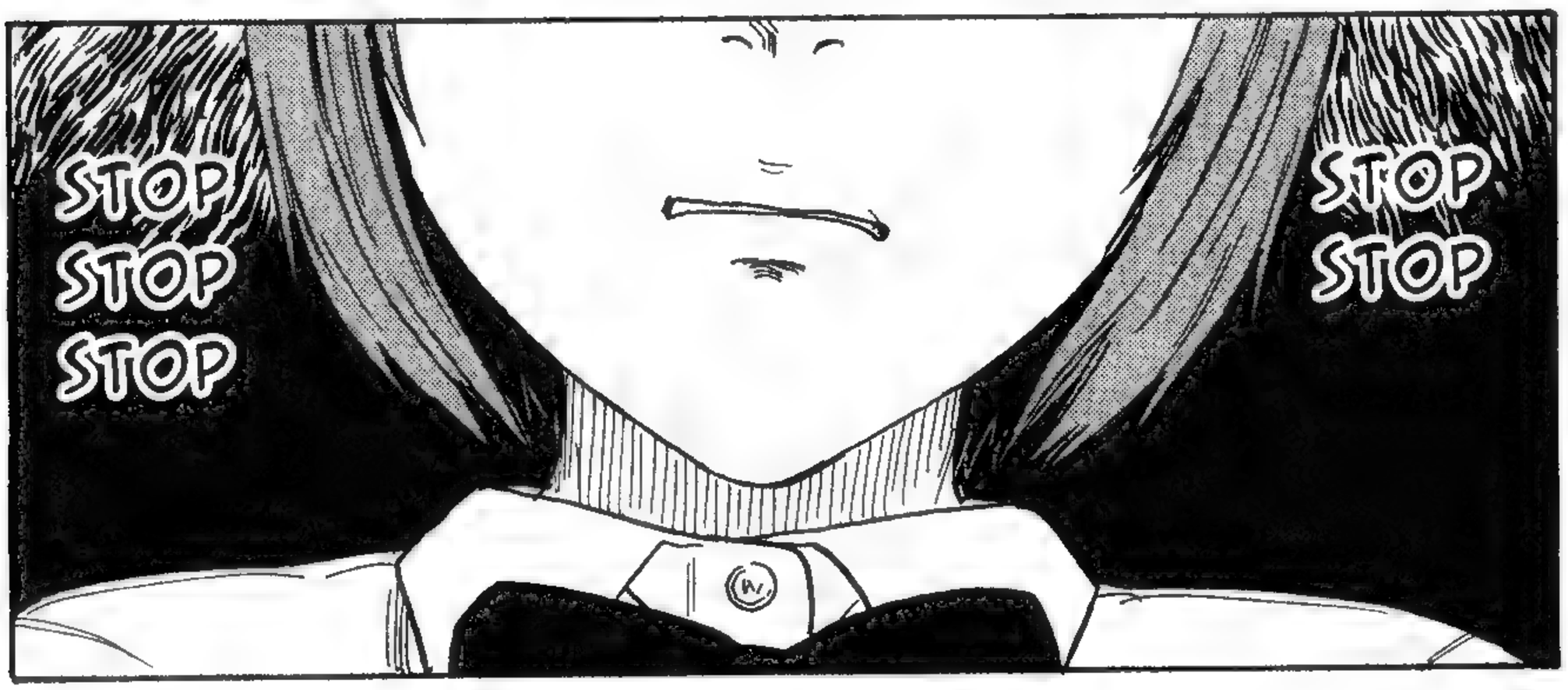

STOP
GO
AWAY

DON'T
COME
INTO
ME
STOP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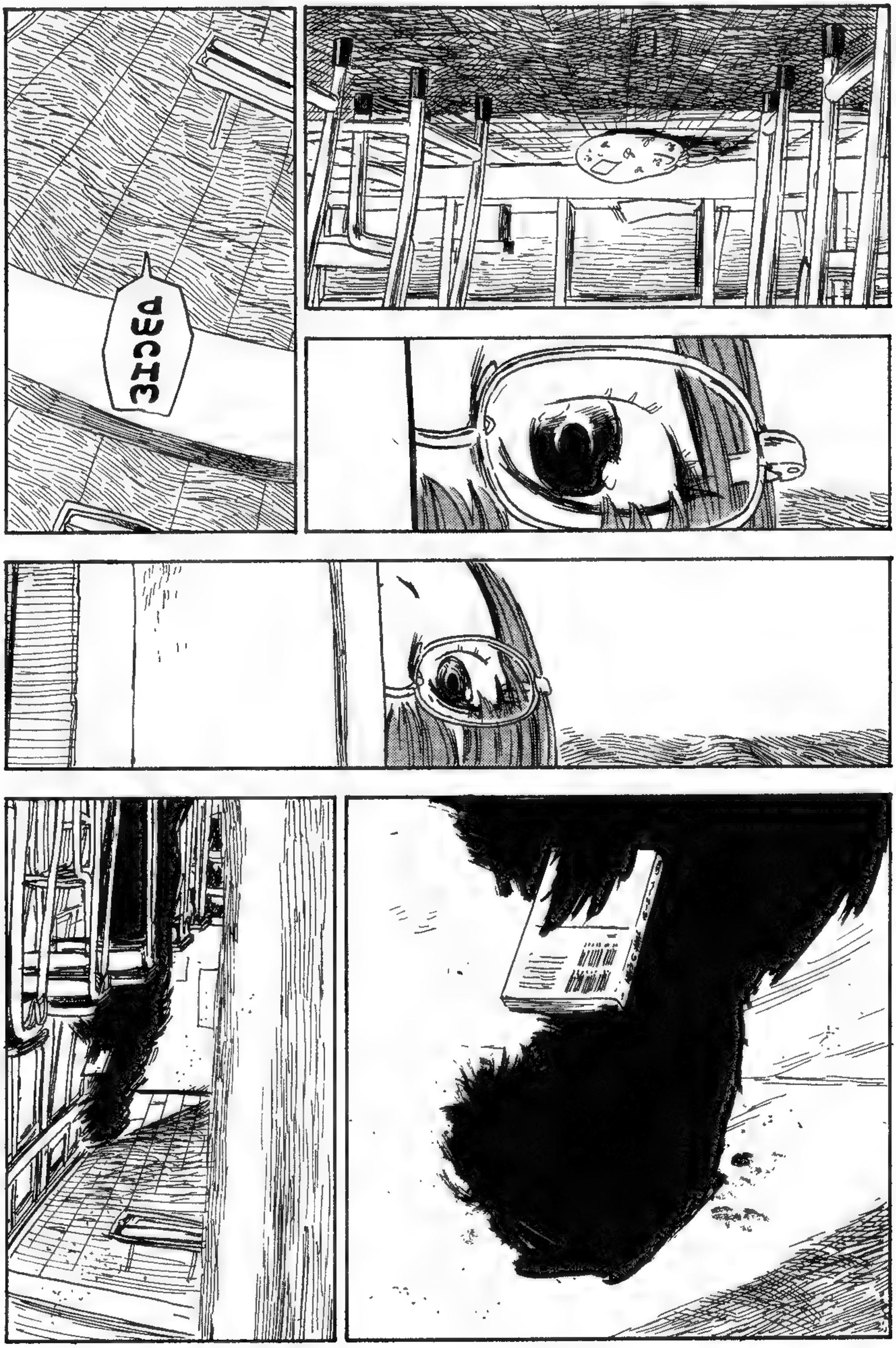
SLIDE
TRUDGE
SQUIK
SQUIK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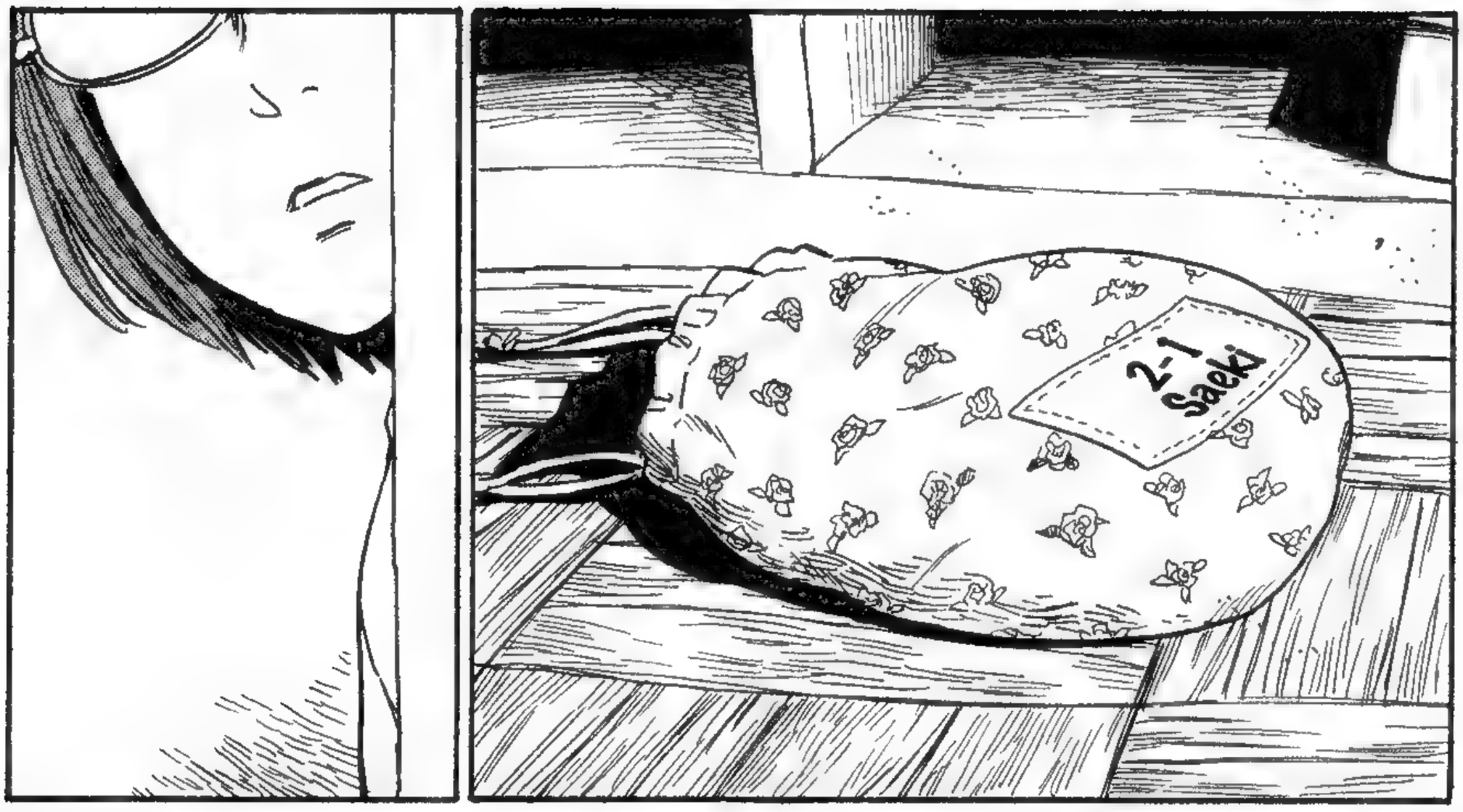
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Saeki

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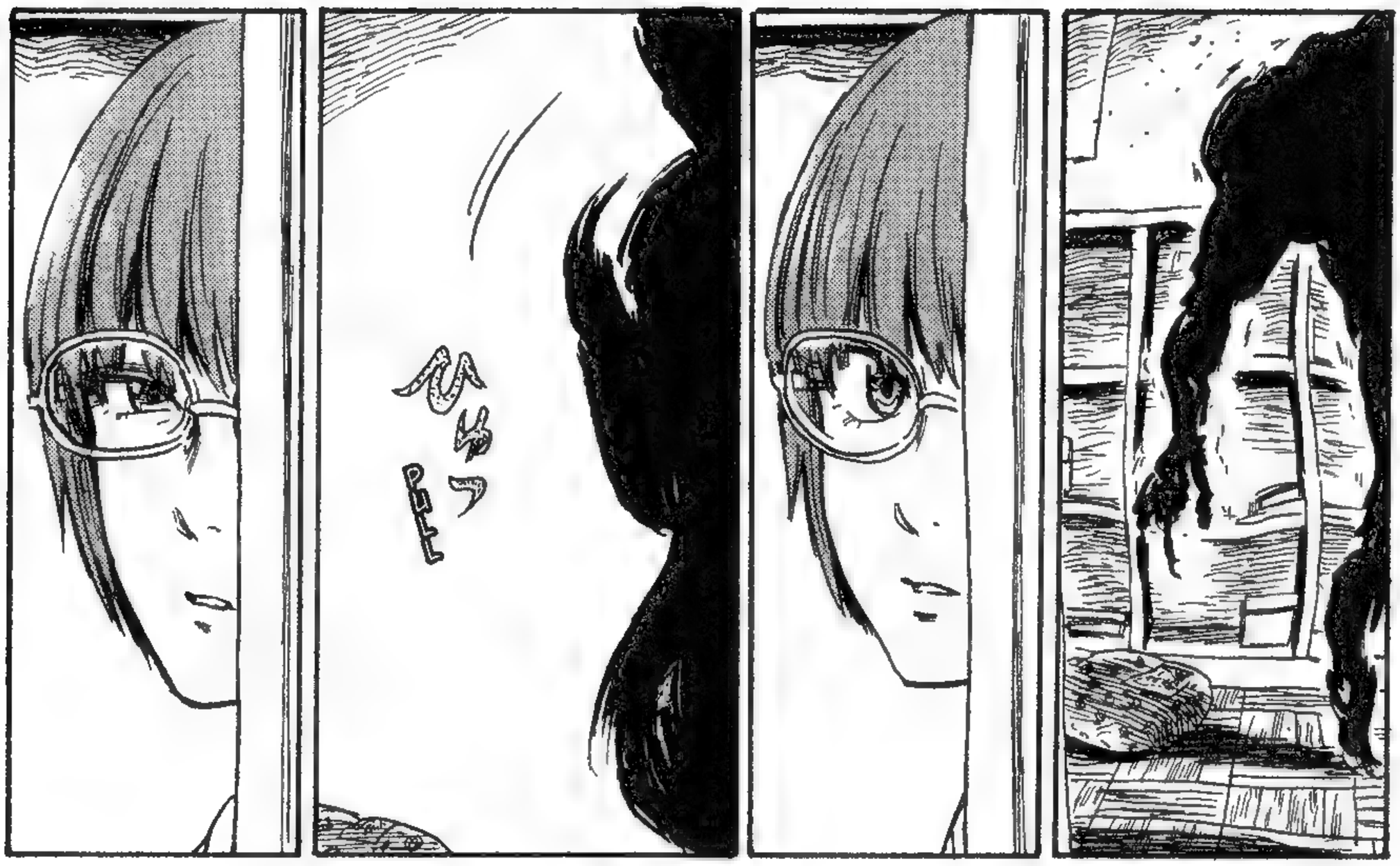
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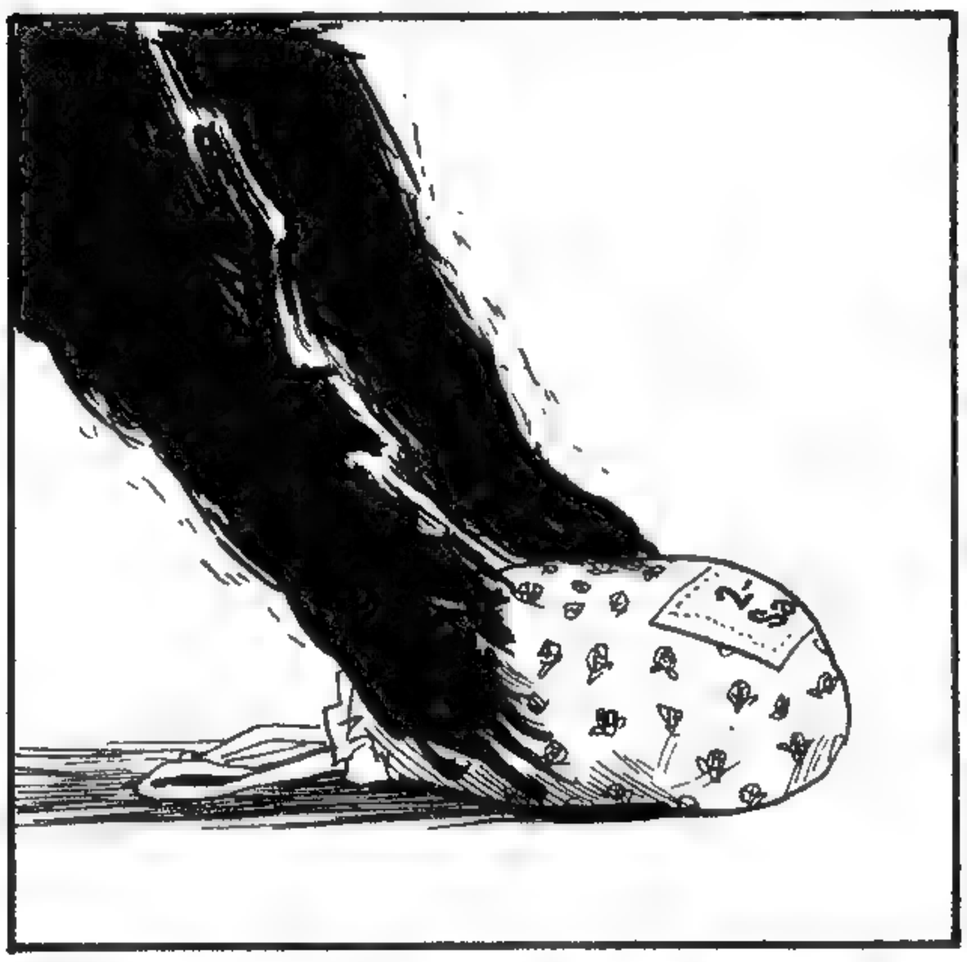


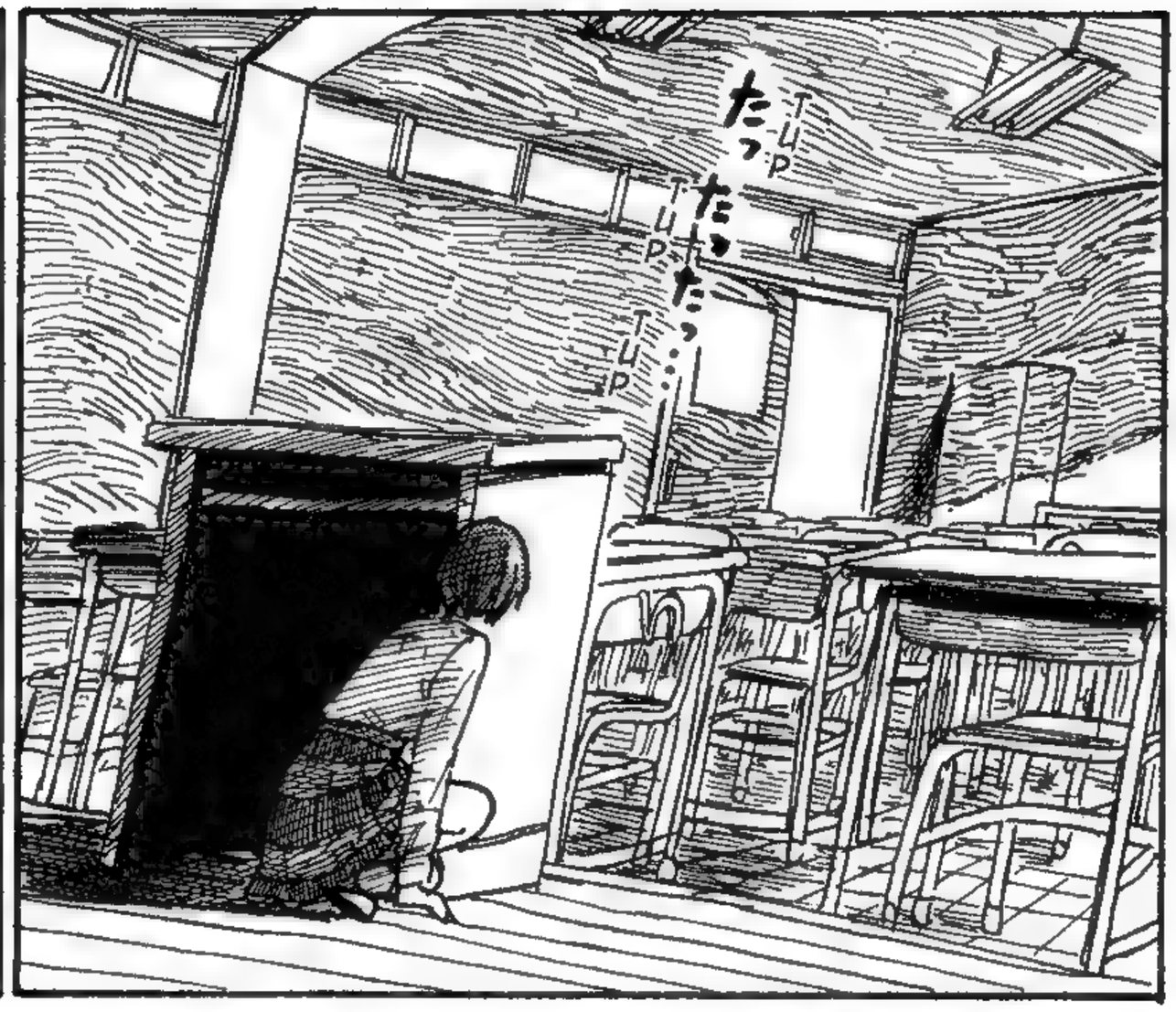
Jaeki

FLINCH
=CLUTCH
CLATTER

UH
AH
UKK...
AHH

AH...
HUFF
HAH—

stuff


たっ
TUP
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TUP
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TUP

ガラ
ガラ
ガラ

OH.

WELCOME HOME, SAWA.

HEY...

stomp stomp stomp stomp

STUPP

vvmmm

vvm

SAWA

YOU COULD AT LEAST SAY "I'M HOME."

vm

HEY... SAWA!

SHUT UP, DIE,

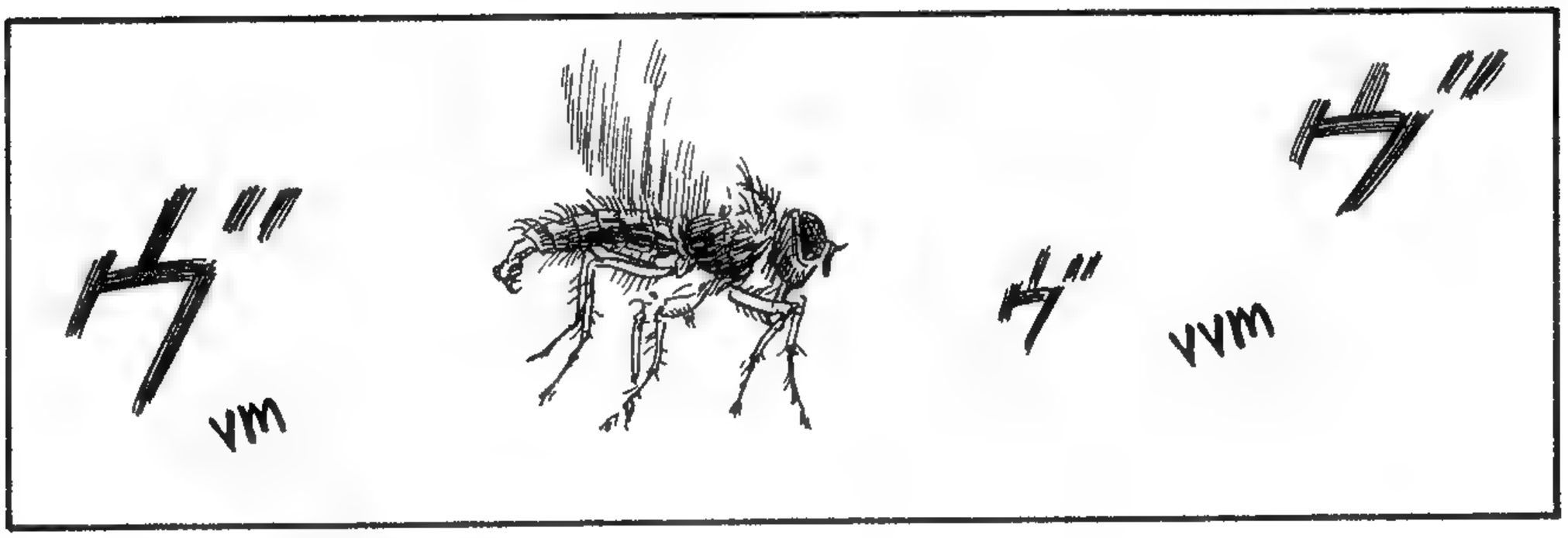
vvmmm

MEAT FLY.

found one! Another pervert besides me!

I found one!

Takao Kasuga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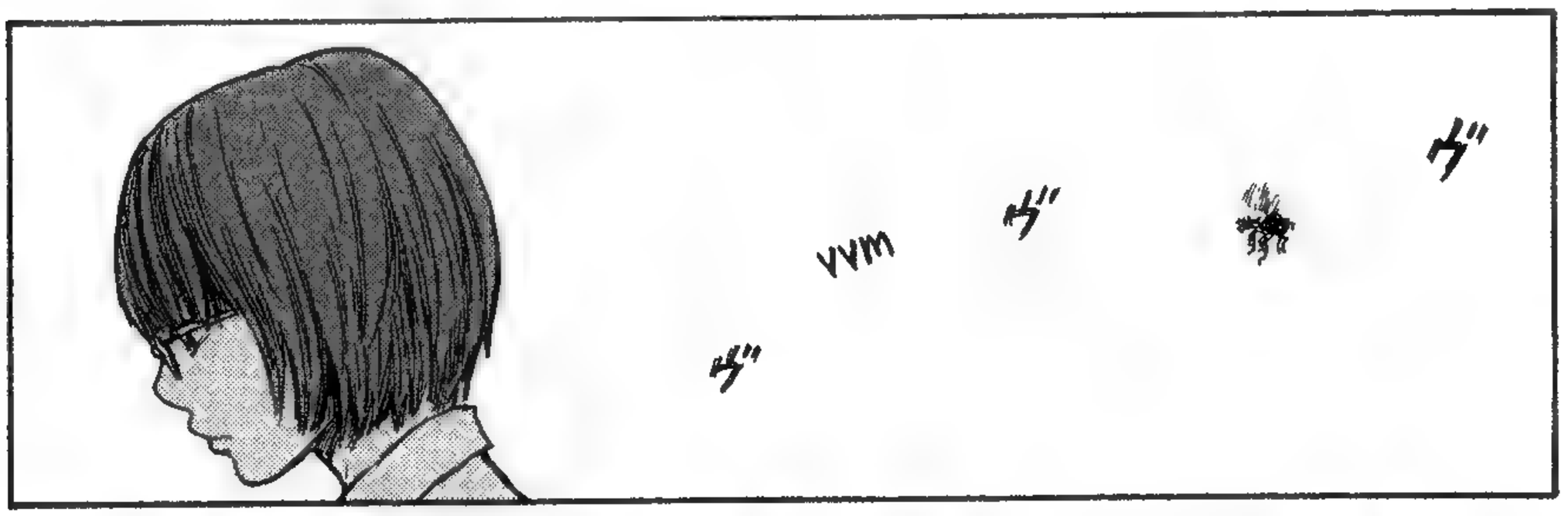
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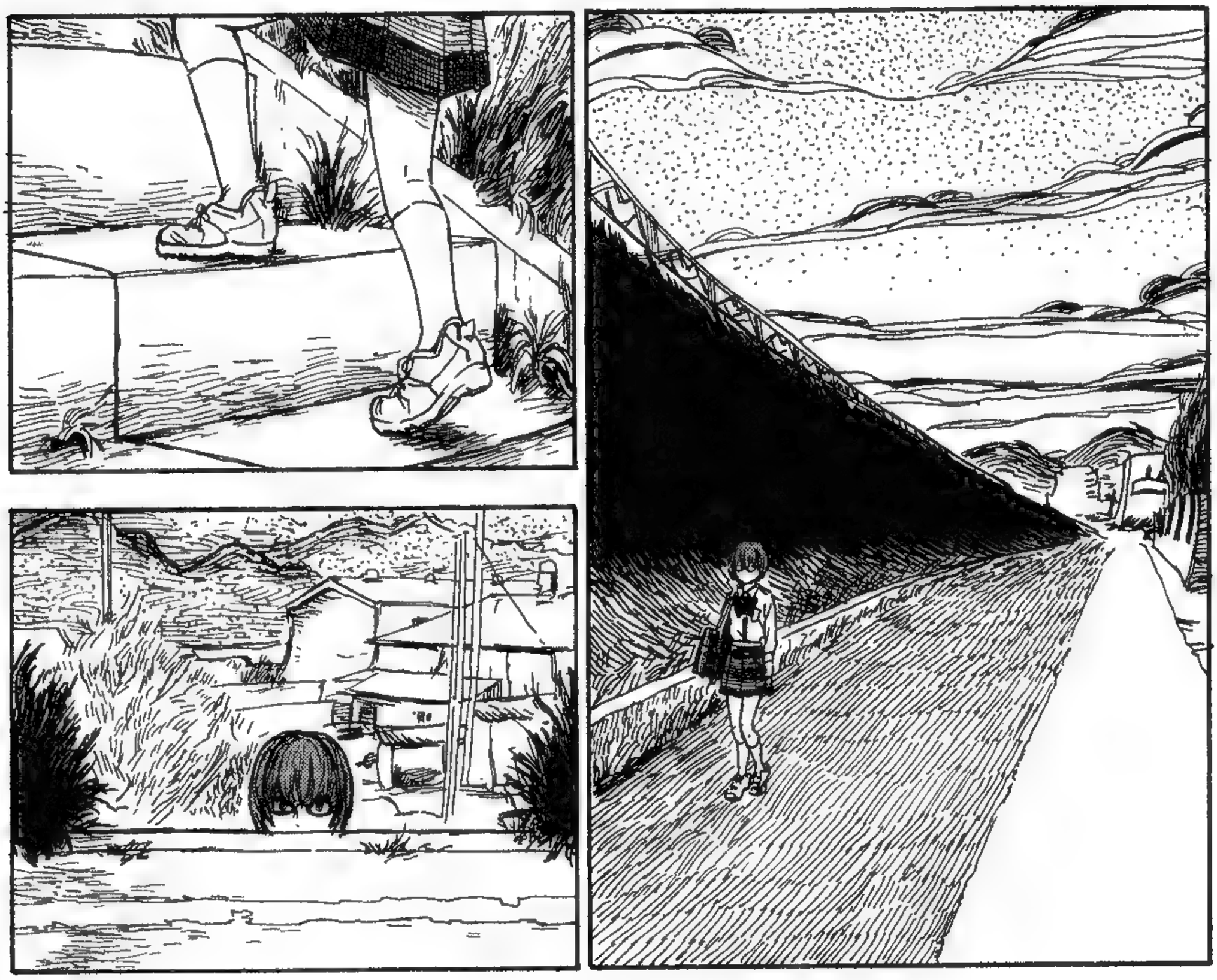

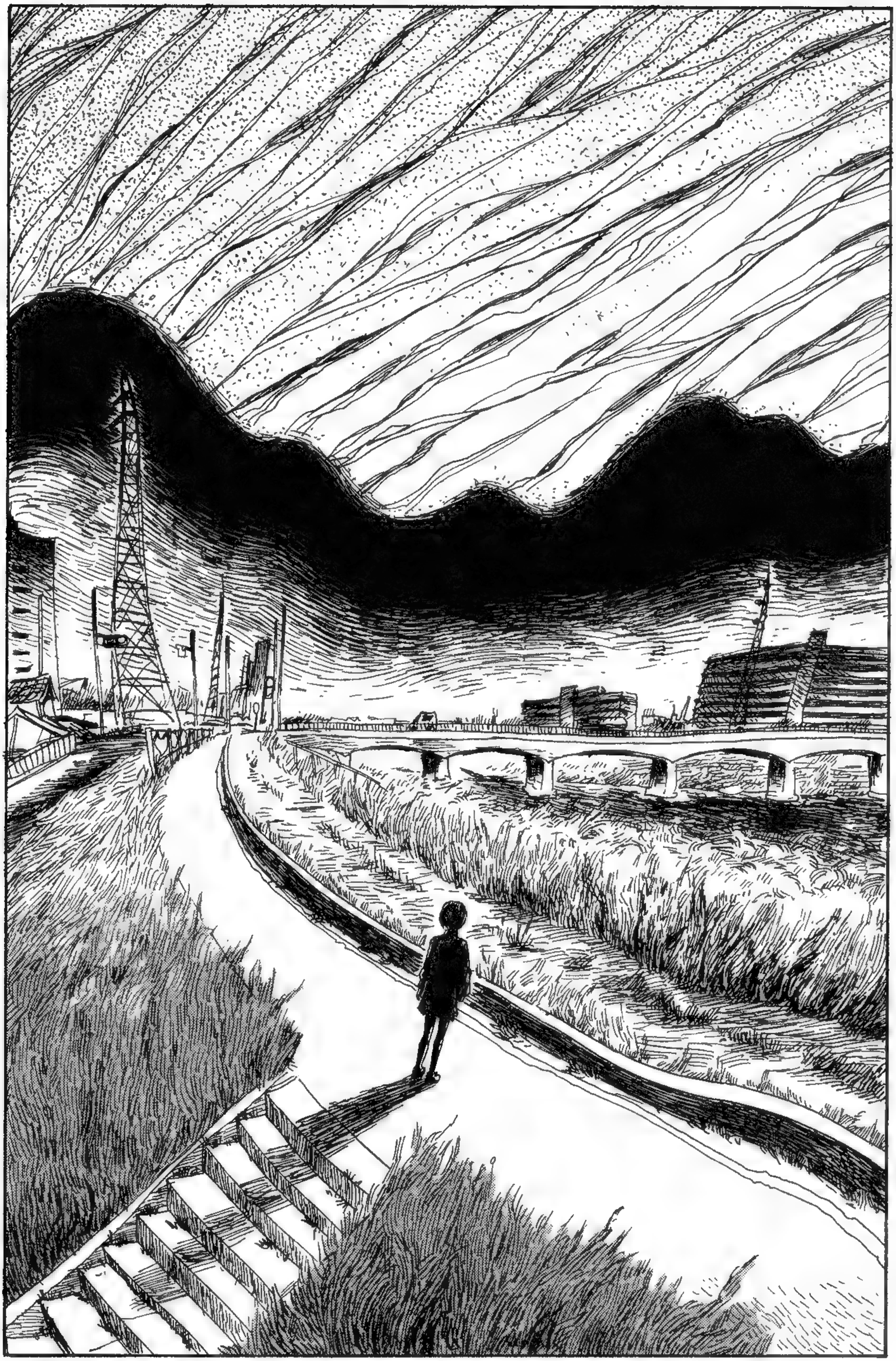

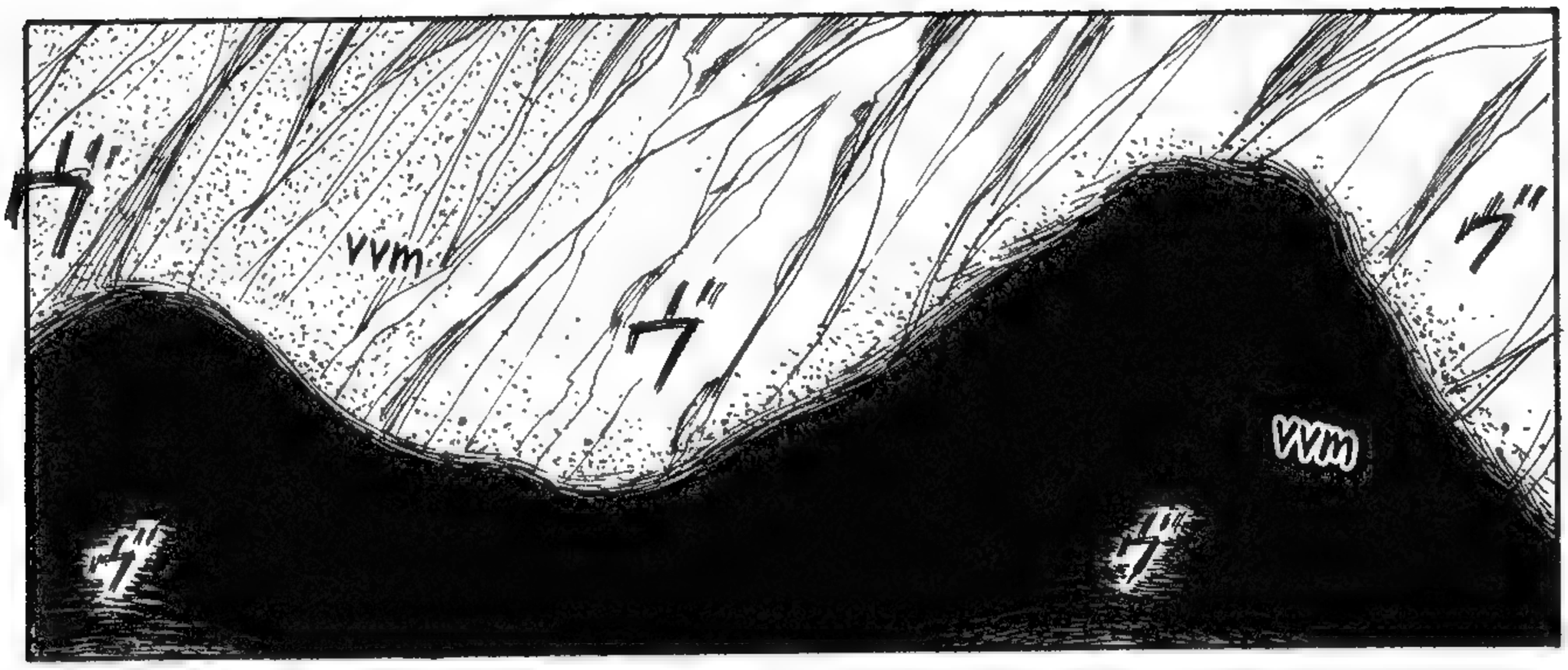
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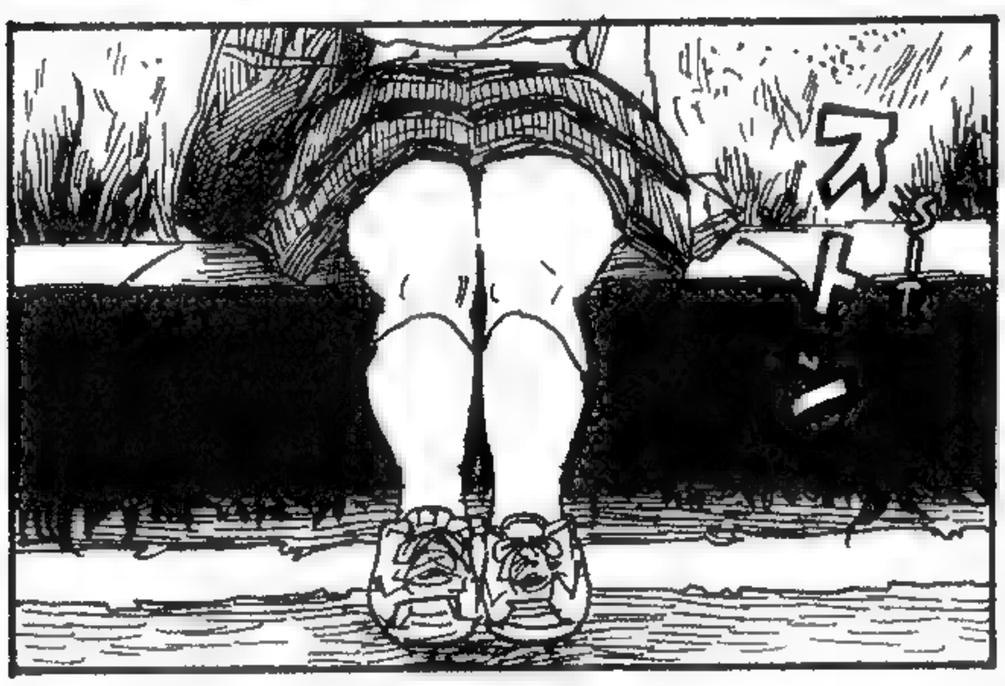

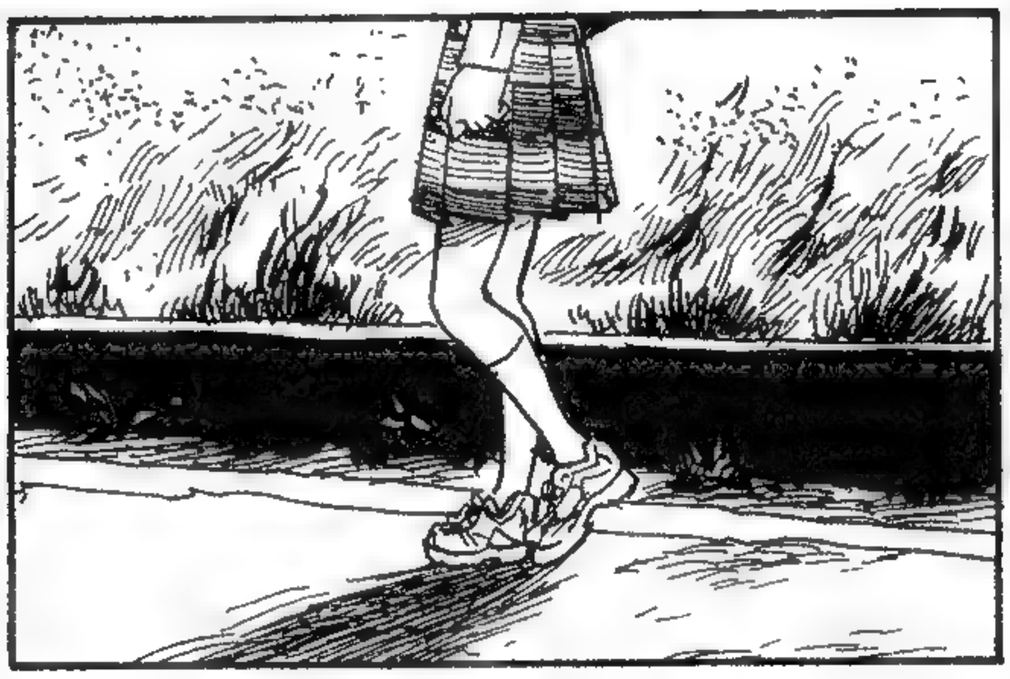

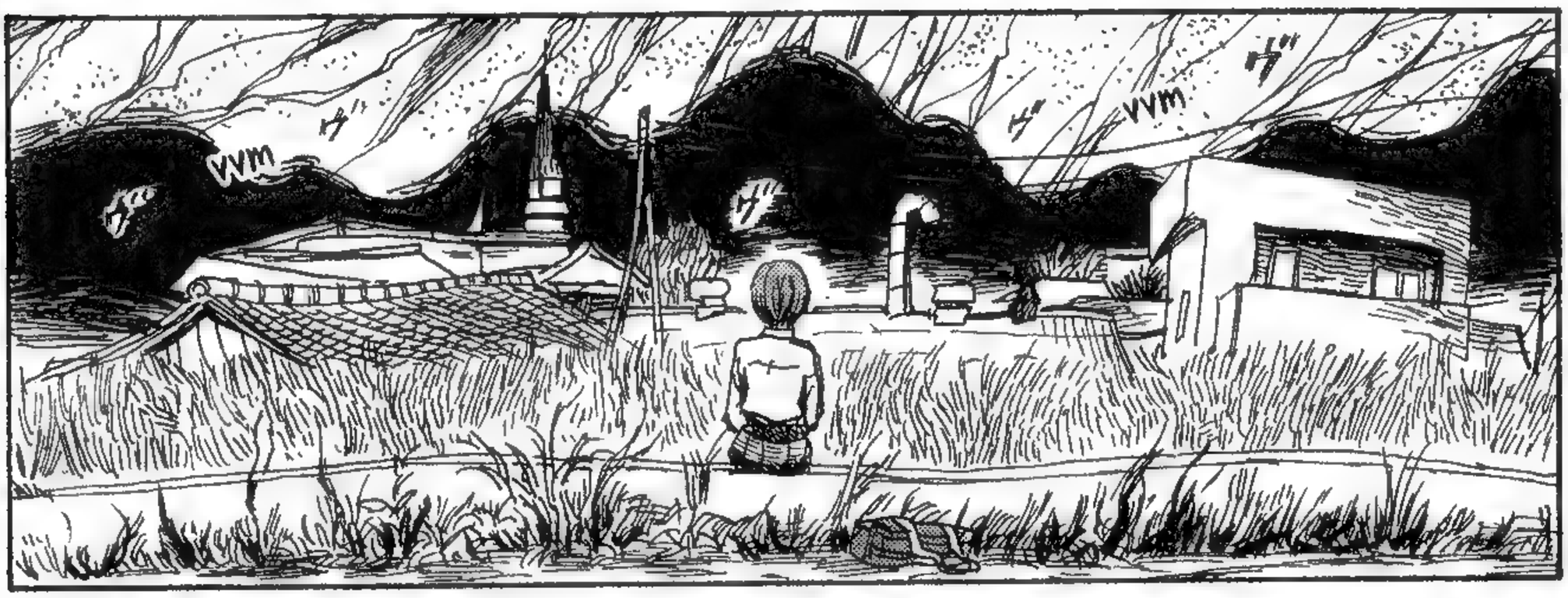
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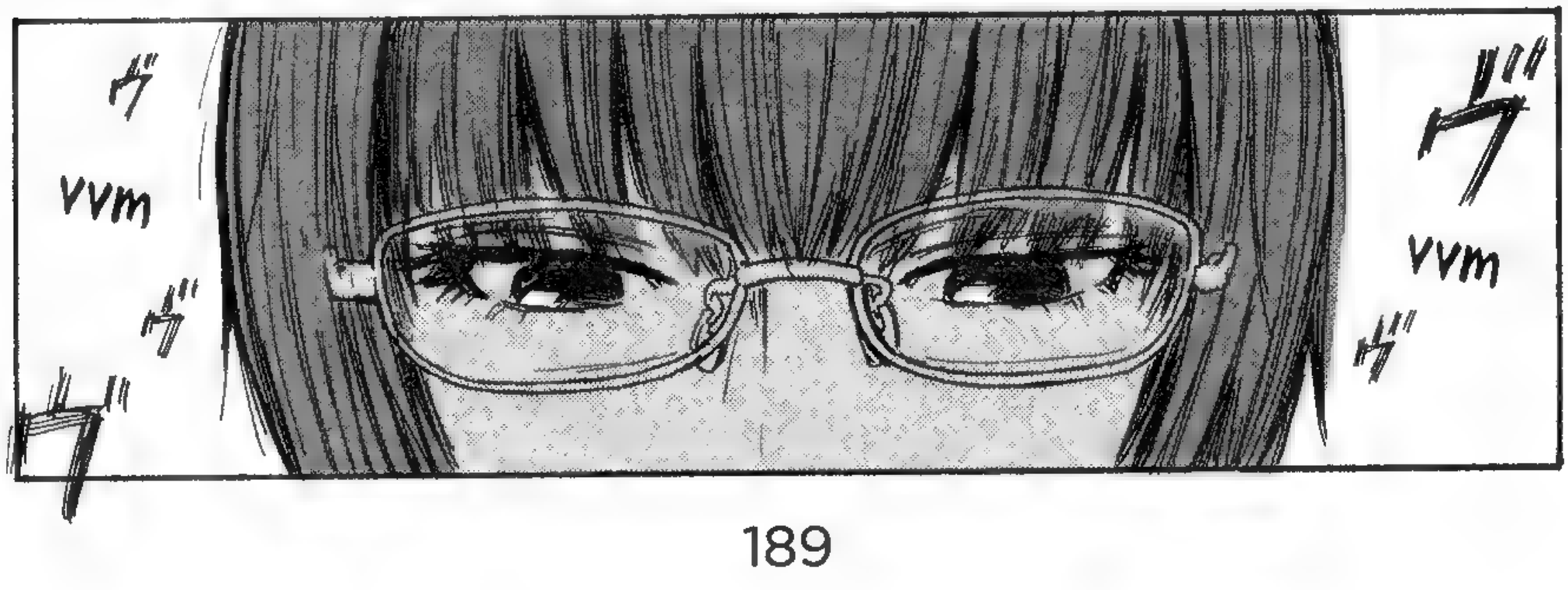
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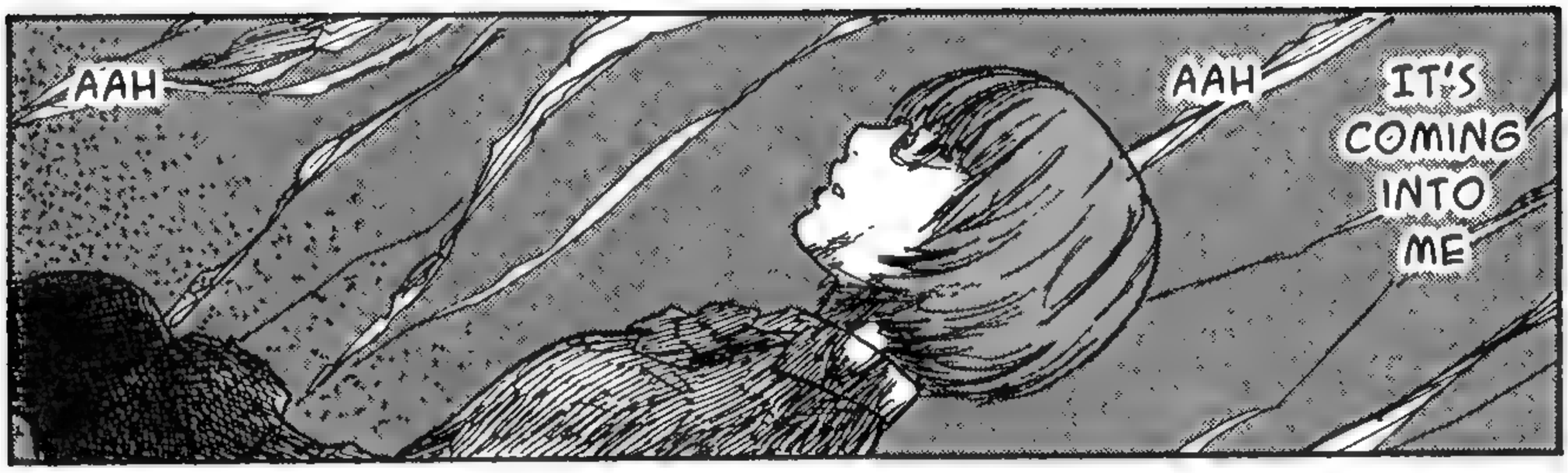
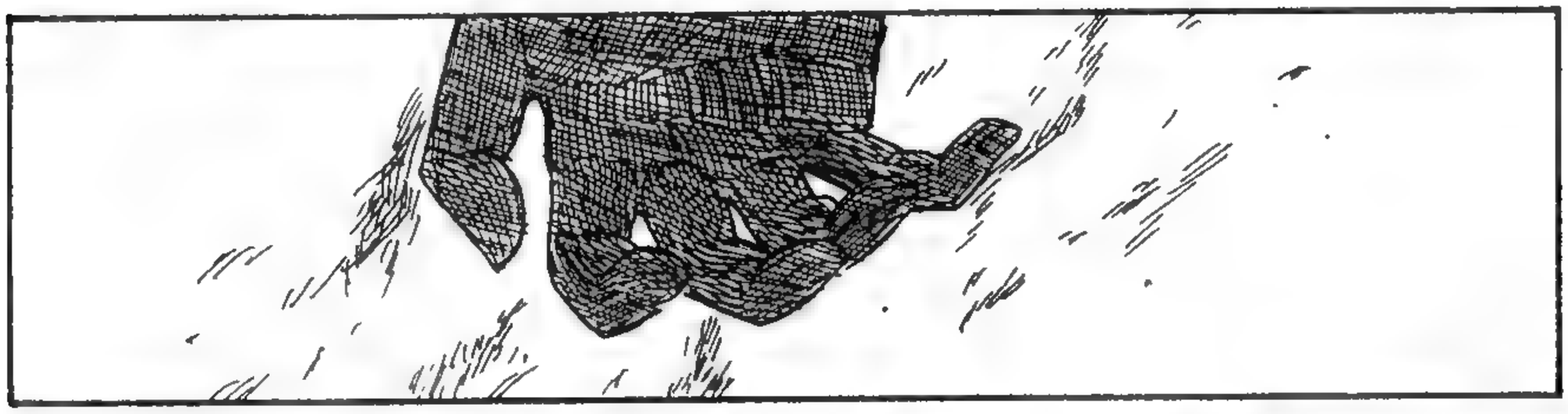
IT JUST

WON'T GO AWAY

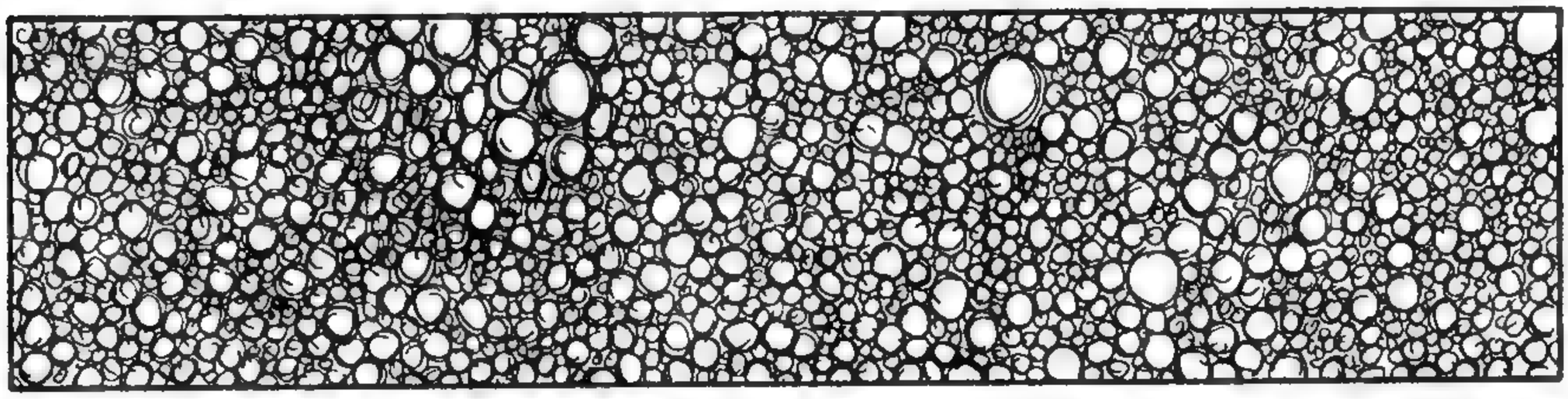
AH

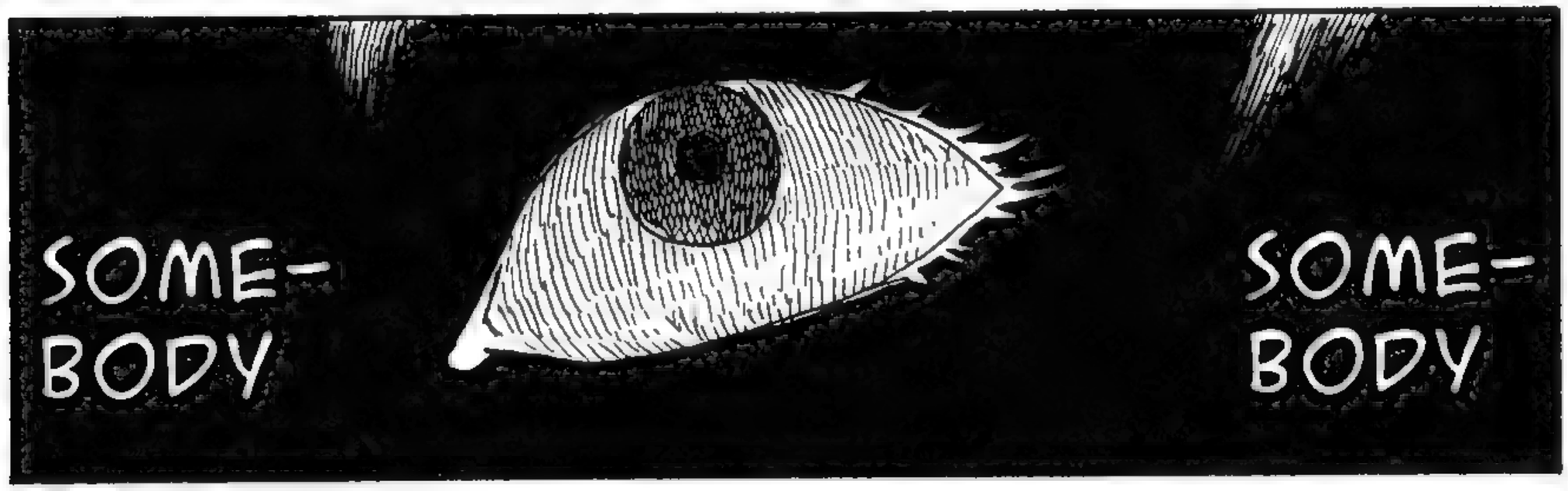
NO GOOD


AAH
AAH
IT'S COMING INTO ME



KILL ME
SOME-BODY

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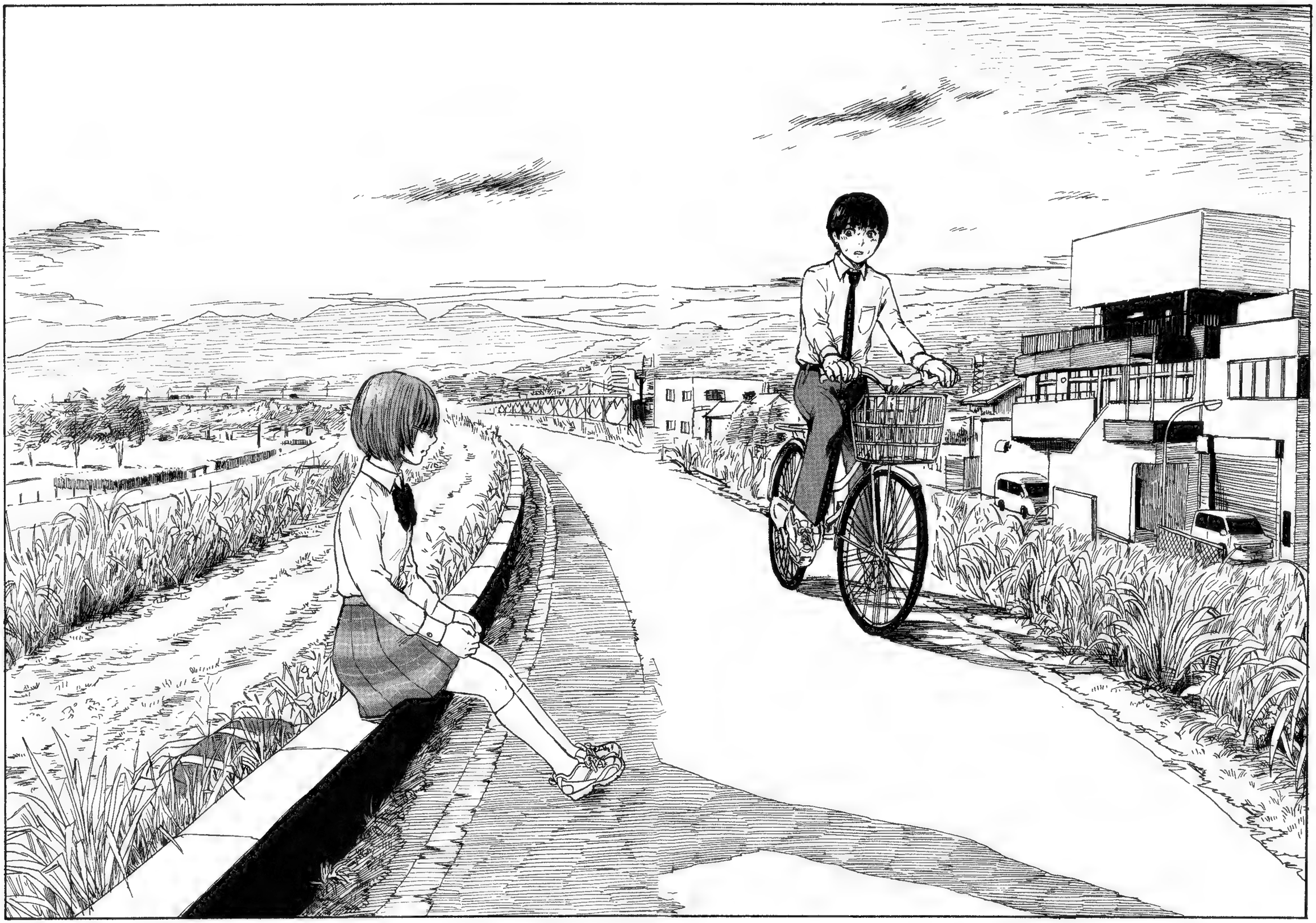
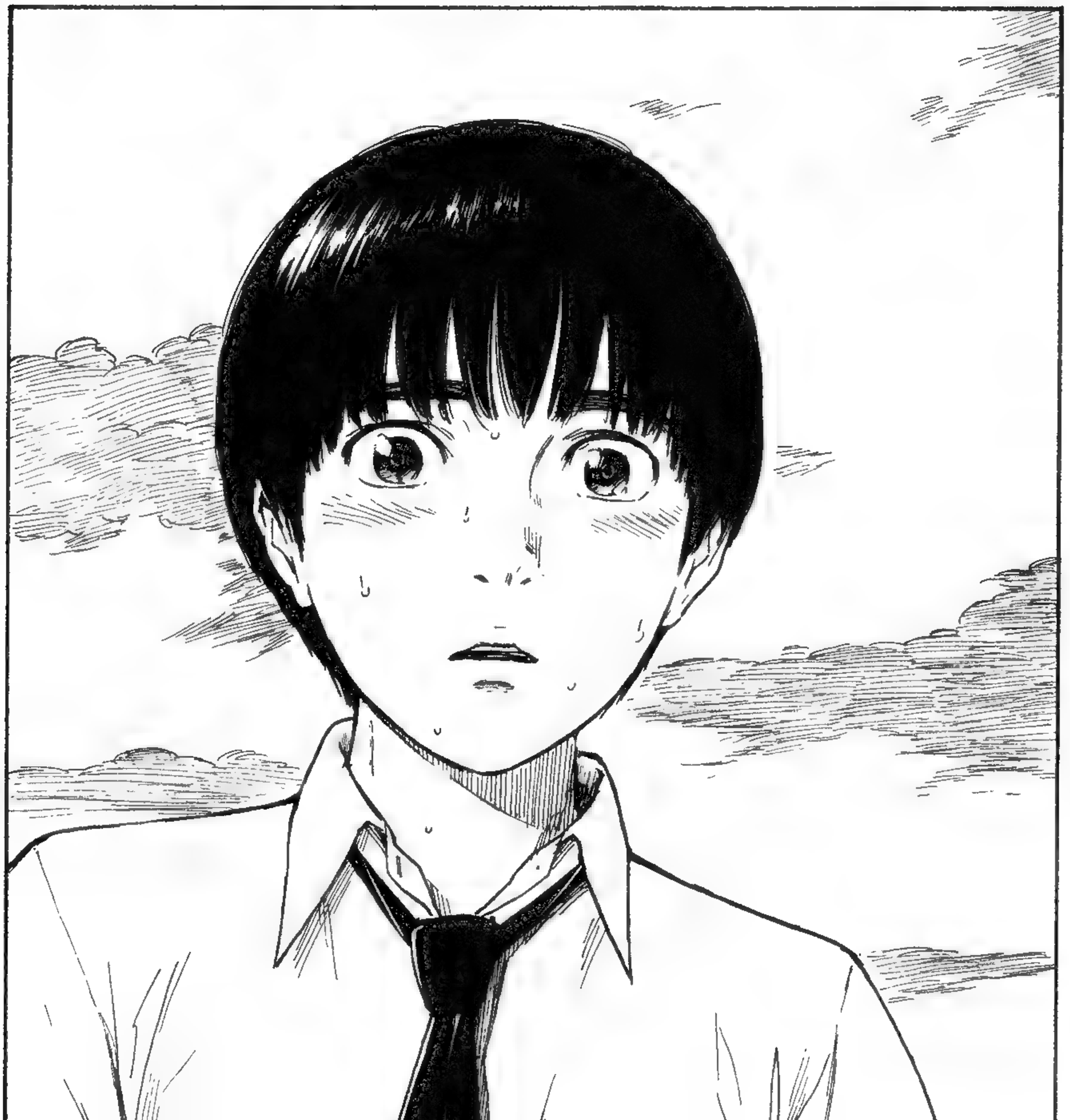
SOME-BODY

AAAGH

SKREEEK





KCHUNK

CREAK

KASU-
GA.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING ?

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Afterword

Thank you very much for reading. I thought it might be appropriate to end this manga with a few words, so I decided to write an afterword, but then there was nothing that I needed to write. With the first few volumes, I was so worried that if I didn't put it into words, it wouldn't come across to readers, so I wrote all sorts of embarrassing sentences, but now there's no need for that.

Just as Kasuga says in the story, nothing ends. Just as the final page of this manga begins anew. If the story that follows is YOUR story, I believe this manga has a reason to exist in the world. And I believe you will meet again, somewhere, someday.

To all the people who read this story, and to all the people involved in its creation:

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